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Physiological Research Laboratories

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Re: Exceptions to the standards of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) for 2021 USDA Annual Report

For the reporting period of 10/1/2020 through 9/30/2021, the following exceptions to the standards and regulations have occurred at the reporting facility. These exceptions and justification have been reviewed, approved, and documented by the Physiological Research Laboratories Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

Modified housing had been used for 8 sheep which required restricted movement to avoid risk of the animal's health should damage to the test devices occur. The sheep were housed using a restraint process that tethered the sheep via halter and cross ties to the sides of the animal pen for the duration of the study. The animals are acclimated to the housing prior to enrollment on the study. Animals who do not tolerate the housing are assigned to other study activities.

Number of animals housed in this manner during this reporting period:

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