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August 2, 2021

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
#A3437-01 (OLAW Case 1K)

Dr. Karen Burg
Vice President for Research
University of Georgia
(b) (4) Paul D. Coverdell Center -
500 D.W. Brooks Drive
Athens, GA 30602

Dear Dr. Burg,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your letter dated July 28, 2021 reporting an adverse event within the animal care and use program at the University of Georgia. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that a water line broke on a building floor above the vivarium overnight. Water made its way into the vivarium via the light fixtures, resulting in some flooded mouse cages. A few cages of mice were affected, and one mouse was found dead. All other mice were dried, warmed, and recovered. The mouse that died was on a project funded by the NIH.

No remedial action was necessary; however, the facility maintenance department, initially alerted to the problem during the night, was reminded to contact the vivarium personnel immediately in emergency situations like this.

OLAW appreciates the prompt consideration of this matter by the University of Georgia, which was consistent with the philosophy of institutional self-regulation. Based on the information provided, OLAW is satisfied that appropriate measures have been taken. In future reports, please include pertinent information such as the date that the incident occurred. We appreciate being informed of this matter and find no cause for further action by this office.

Sincerely,

Brent C. Morse -S

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Brent C. Morse, DVM
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Division of Compliance Oversight
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July 28, 2021

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Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW)
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RE: University of Georgia, PHS Assurance Number: D16-00276/A3437-01

Dear Dr. Morse,

I am writing to provide a final report of an unavoidable accident that led to a mouse's death. A water line broke on a building floor above the vivarium overnight. Water made its way into the vivarium via the light fixtures, resulting in some flooded mouse cages. A few cages of mice were affected, and one mouse was found dead. All other mice were dried and warmed, and recovered.

The mouse that died was on a project funded by the NIH under grant number NIH R03 HD100652.

No remedial action was necessary; however, the facility maintenance department, initially alerted to the problem during the night, was reminded to contact the vivarium personnel immediately in emergency situations like this.

The University of Georgia is committed to a high-quality animal care and use program and the welfare of animals used in instruction and research. We take very seriously our institutional responsibility for the evaluation, monitoring, reporting, and correction of our animal care and use program that is the foundation of the PHS Policy. Please contact me if further information or additional corrective actions are needed.

Sincerely,

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Karen J. L. Burg, Ph.D.
Vice President for Research
Institutional Official

Cc: Dr. Leanne Alworth, Attending Veterinarian
Dr. Gaylen Edwards, IACUC Chair
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From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2021 8:59 AM
To: Leanne Alworth
Cc: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Subject: RE: UGA Final Report-water leak

Thank you. We will send a response soon.

Axel Wolff, M.S., D.V.M.
Deputy Director, OLAW

From: Leanne Alworth <alworth@uga.edu>
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2021 8:42 AM
To: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD) <olawdco@od.nih.gov>
Cc: Gaylen L Edwards <gedwards@uga.edu>; (b) (6) Mary Ann Mccrackin <MA.McCrackin@uga.edu>; Karen JL Burg <kburg@uga.edu>
Subject: UGA Final Report-water leak

Good morning,

Attached is a Final Report regarding a water leak in a building which affected the building's vivarium, leading to the death of 1 mouse.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks
Leanne

Leanne Alworth, DVM, MS, DACLAM

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