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July 5, 2022

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
#A3354-01 (OLAW Case 2J)

[REDACTED]
Executive Director of Regulatory Support
Institutional Official
State University of New York - University of Buffalo
[REDACTED]
Buffalo, NY 14260

Dear [REDACTED],

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your June 23, 2022 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at the University at Buffalo, the State University of New York. This letter had not been preceded by a preliminary report to OLAW.

According to the information provided, this Office understands that the University at Buffalo, the State University of New York Animal Care and Use Committee (ACUC) determined that instances of noncompliance occurred with respect to low humidity levels in an animal building. The final report states low humidity levels were observed during the most recent semiannual inspection, involving several rooms with readings <30% from December 2021 to April 2022. In response, the animals were relocated to rooms that can maintain appropriate humidity levels. However, 12 rats developed ring tail due to the low humidity. It is stated the low humidity levels were reported multiples times to Customer Service from December 2021 to April of this year.

At the fully convened IACUC meeting on June 21, 2022, the committee was informed that a capital project had been initiated to correct the issue and the work is expected to begin in September 2022. Facilities acknowledged the issue had not been properly addressed and that they will take action to expedite a solution as quickly as possible. The IACUC has required no additional actions as this time.

Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that the University at Buffalo, the State University of New York has implemented appropriate measures to correct and prevent recurrences of these problems and is now compliant with provisions of the PHS Policy.

We appreciate being informed of these matters and find no cause for further action by this Office.

Sincerely,
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