

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) investigated the concern regarding how the animals were being fed from the towers at the ONPRC. The IACUC learned that produce (apples, beets, squash, etc.) is fed as enrichment to the animal's behavior and diets by throwing it to the animals from the towers. This allows the produce to be distributed a good distance into the ■■■ OR ■■■ The dense fruits and vegetables, such as apples and beets, are thrown with considerable force onto the concrete or against the rocks to break them into pieces so the juvenile monkeys can access the enrichment and dominant animals cannot monopolize the food. The monkeys get excited, but stay back from the rocks until the food breaks up, then they run to the area to collect the bits. A different section of the rocks and concrete are thereby evacuated and more food can be broken in this new location. While it may appear from the ground on the opposite side of the solid fence that food is thrown at the monkeys, this is not what is really happening. There is no intimidation of the animals nor are the employees intentionally throwing food at the monkeys. The IACUC investigates all animal welfare concerns thoroughly through interviews and observation. We appreciate your report of this concern and we welcome you to contact us if you have any questions.

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