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August 29, 2022

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3823-01 [OLAW Case 10H]

Dr. Mary Dickinson
Senior Vice President and Dean of Research
Baylor College of Medicine- Houston
One Baylor Plaza, MS BCM335
Houston, TX 77030

Dear Dr. Dickinson,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your August 26, 2022 letter reporting an adverse event involving zebrafish at Baylor College of Medicine. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that 26 zebrafish died after a city water supply line burst.

The corrective action consisted of the monitoring alarm notifying facilities maintenance staff, who addressed the line break. Additional repairs consisted of adding a pressure reducing station and more sensors.

Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that measures have been implemented to address the problem. OLAW concurs with the actions taken by the institution to comply with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.

Sincerely,

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cc: IACUC Chair



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August 26, 2022

Brent Morse, DVM, DACLAM
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RE: Assurance #D16-00475

Dear Dr. Morse,

As Institutional Official for Baylor College of Medicine, I am reporting a facility related incident resulting in the death of 26 zebrafish. A water supply pipe connecting our water supply intake manifold to the City of Houston water line burst in the early morning of August 10, 2022. The line break affected a large room where sentinel cages containing zebrafish are held and resulted in the loss of the zebrafish. The line break properly triggered a monitoring alarm which notified facility personnel who were able to respond quickly and mitigate the damage.

Appropriate additional measures have been put into place which include a pressure reducing system in the manifold and additional moisture sensors. The event was reported to the Attending Veterinarian and to the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). The IACUC reviewed the details and determined that this was an isolated, unforeseeable event that constituted neither non-compliance nor a serious deviation from *The Guide*.

This incident is being reported to you as well as AAALAC International.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Mary E. Dickinson, Ph.D.
Sr. Vice President and Dean of Research
Institutional Official
Baylor College of Medicine

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2022 4:47 PM
To: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OLAW Reports- Assurance D16-00475
Attachments: OLAW Notification D16-00475 AN-6102 signedMD.pdf; OLAW Notification D16-00475 CCM signedMD.pdf; OLAW Notification D16-00475 AN-8015 signedMD.pdf; OLAW Notification D16-00475 AN-5896 signedMD.pdf; OLAW Notification D16-00475 AN-8678 signedMD.pdf

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Dear Dr. Morse,

Please find the attached notifications of research non-compliance as determined by our IACUC, and sent on behalf of Dr. Mary Dickinson, Institutional Official.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,



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