

Statement of Exceptions
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One IACUC approved protocol has one exception to the AWA regulations/standards. The exception permits the use of a non-dedicated surgical facility to perform major survival surgery in rabbits. The nature of the research requires the use of audio testing devices immediately after the surgical procedure. These devices are located within an audio testing laboratory. The surgery is performed under aseptic conditions in the audio testing laboratory and historically no complications or adverse effects have been attributed to the use of this facility. **THREE** such surgeries on **TWO** rabbits were performed during the October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022 reporting period.