University of California, San Francisco USDA Registration Number: 93-R-0440

## **REPORTABLE IACUC-APPROVED EXCEPTIONS**

## 1. Reportable Exception – Cleaning/Sanitizing of primary enclosures

Species: Vole

Number of Animals Used: 28

Description: Exposure to dirty bedding for sentinel surveillance

Cage changes occur once or twice a week, depending on how soiled they are. At cage change, a small amount of dirty bedding is transferred into the sentinel animals' clean cage from each of the animals' cages located on the same rack as a means of monitoring health status of the colony of animals. Samples are regularly collected from the sentinel animals and evaluated for rodent pathogens as part of the health surveillance program for the entire colony.