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May 25, 2017

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3208-01 [OLAW Case 1C]

Ms. Stephanie, Trout, M.S., CPIA
IACUC Administrator
Virginia Polytechnic Institute - Blacksburg
North End Center, Suite Room #
300 Turner Street, NW
Blacksburg, VA 24061

Dear Ms. Trout,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your May 24, 2017 notice regarding an animal facility temperature variation at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, following up on an initial report on May 1, 2017. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that for two days the animal room temperatures were below the recommended range. No animals appeared to have been negatively affected due to the lower temperature. It was determined that the cause was due to a scheduled shut down of the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system for maintenance and inadequate communication among staff.

The corrective actions consisted of retraining the facility staff and developing a more detailed standard operating procedure outlining who should be contacted in situations such as maintenance shut downs or other unusual conditions.

Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that measures have been implemented to prevent recurrence of this problem. OLAW concurs with the actions taken by the institution to comply with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. In future reports please remember to state the species involved. Thank you for keeping OLAW apprised on this matter.

Sincerely,

Axel Wolff, M.S., D.V.M.
Director
Division of Compliance Oversight

cc: IACUC Chair

Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]

From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 7:57 AM
To: 'iacucpam'
Subject: RE: Preliminary Notification of a Virginia Tech facility wide deviation from the provisions of the Guide; 17 – 001

Hi Ms. Trout,

I can use your explanation to finalize the case. I'll send the response to the IACUC chair and IO.

Thank you.

Axel Wolff

From: iacucpam [mailto:iacucpam@vt.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 6:12 PM
To: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD) <olawdco@od.nih.gov>
Subject: Re: Preliminary Notification of a Virginia Tech facility wide deviation from the provisions of the Guide; 17 – 001

Hello Dr. Wolff,

After investigation of the incidence reported in the April 28th preliminary report below it was determined that the temperature deviation occurred due to a schedule HVAC shut down for maintenance. The IACUC deemed the issue as a minor non-compliance due to communication deficiency within the facility staff. Again, no animals appeared to have experienced negative health or well-being affects. The IACUC has requested retraining of the facility staff and creation of a more defined SOP that describes who should be contacted in emergency or out of the ordinary situations.

Do I need to submit a formal final report for this situation?

Thank you,

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[REDACTED] Secondary Individual
IACUC Administrator

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From: "OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)" <olawdco@od.nih.gov>
Date: Monday, May 1, 2017 at 9:13 AM
To: iacucpam <iacucpam@vt.edu>
Subject: RE: Preliminary Notification of a Virginia Tech facility wide deviation from the provisions of the Guide; 17 – 001

Thank you for this preliminary report, Ms. Trout. We will open a new case file and look forward to receiving the final report after the IACUC has completed its investigation.

Axel Wolff, M.S., D.V.M.
Director, Division of Compliance Oversight
OLAW

From: iacucpam [mailto:iacucpam@vt.edu]

Sent: Friday, April 28, 2017 1:57 PM

To: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD) <olawdco@od.nih.gov>

Subject: Preliminary Notification of a Virginia Tech facility wide deviation from the provisions of the Guide; 17 – 001

Division of Compliance Oversight

Good Afternoon,

I am herein providing a preliminary notification of a temperature deviation from the *Guide's* recommended range throughout a laboratory animal facility at Virginia Tech (assurance #A3208-01) on March 25 and 26, 2017. The deviation was first reported to the IACUC PAM office on April 17, 2017.

The issue was resolved and temperatures returned to normal by the afternoon of March 26, with no animals appearing to have experienced negative health or well-being affects due to the slightly lower temperatures.

I will provide a final report that includes any corrective and preventive actions required and instituted after the matter is fully discussed at our May 18, 2017, IACUC committee meeting.

Best Regards,

Secondary Individual

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