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FOR EXPRESS MAIL: Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare 6700B Rockledge Drive, Suite 2500 Bethesda, Maryland 20817 <u>Telephone</u>: (301) 496-7163 <u>Facsimile</u>: (301) 402-7065

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance #A3262-01 (OLAW Case 3V)

Dr. S. David Kimball Senior Vice President, Research & Economic Development Rutgers, State University of New Jersey 3 Rutgers Plaza New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Dear Dr. Kimball,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your December 16, 2019 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey following up on an initial November 20, 2019 notification by telephone.

According to the information provided, this Office understands that Rutgers, The State University of New-Jersey Animal Care and Use Committee (ACUC) determined that instances of noncompliance occurred with respect to: an overcrowded cage of mice found without food and one dead mouse in the cage on September 10, 2019. Investigation results revealed the PI's lab was responsible for feeding the cage and daily log did not show documentation of feeding on the previous day. The final report also noted the dead mouse appeared to be deceased for longer than 24h. It is noted that this research is PHS funded. On October 16, 2019 at its regular meeting, the IACUC reviewed and discussed the incident and unanimously voted to report this matter to OLAW and voted to accept the corrective actions listed below. Corrective actions included:

- Counseling of the PI by the IACUC Executive Committee as well as Comparative Medicine Resources (CMR) staff.
- Required retraining of the PI and lab personnel.
- Development of a more detailed check for daily observations, as new enrichment pouches allow mice to hide and not be visible.

Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey has implemented appropriate measures to correct and prevent recurrences of these problems and is now compliant with provisions of the PHS Policy. We appreciate being informed of these matters and find no cause for further action by this Office.

Sincerely,	
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Jacquelyn T. Tubbs, DVM	_
Veterinary Medical Officer	
Division of Compliance Oversight	
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare	

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cc: IACUC Contact



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December 16, 2019

Brent Morse, DVM Director, Division of Compliance Oversight Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare National Institutes of Health Rockledge 1, Suite 360, MSC 7982 6705 Rockledge Drive Bethesda, MD 20892-7982

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance Number D16-00169 (A3262-01)

Dear Dr. Morse,

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey hereby makes the final report for the following incident, reported to OLAW via telephone on November 20, 2019. On September 10, 2019, an overcrowded cage without food and with one dead mouse was observed. Further investigation indicated that the PI's lab was responsible for feeding this cage and that the daily log did not show documentation of feeding on the previous day, although this is likely unrelated to the dead mouse, as it appeared the mouse was dead for longer than 24 hours, which would predate the day with no documentation of feeding.

The following actions were taken in response to this incident:

- The PI was counseled by the IACUC Executive Committee as well as Comparative Medicine Resources (CMR) staff.
- The PI and lab personnel were required to undergo re-training.
- Daily observations will now consist of a more detailed check, as new enrichment (EnviroPak) pouches allows mice to hide and not be as visible.
- At its regular meeting on October 16, 2019, the IACUC reviewed and discussed this incident and unanimously voted to report this matter to OLAW. The IACUC also voted to accept the above noted corrective actions.

Please note that this research is funded by NIH.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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S. David Kimball, Ph.D. Institutional Official Senior Vice President, Research & Economic Development Vice President, Innovation & Research Commercialization

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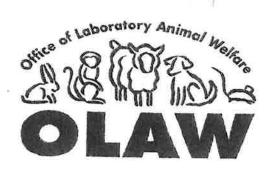
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From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject:	OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD) Thursday, December 19, 2019 8:04 AM (^{b)} (⁶) OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD) (^{b)} (⁶) RE: final reports for Rutgers Assurance D16-00169 (A3262-01)
Thank you for providing thes	e reports (b) (6) We will send official responses soon.
	Best regards, Brent Morse
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Cc:	(b) (6) 18, 2019 5:05 PM ance Oversight (NIH/OD) <olawdco@od.nih.gov> (b) (6) gers Assurance D16-00169 (A3262-01)</olawdco@od.nih.gov>
Division of Compliance Overs	ight,
Attached are eight final repo	rts for reportable events under Assurance # D16-00169 (A3262-01).
Please let us know if you hav	e any questions.
Thank you,	

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Initial Report of Noncompliance

By: and

Date: 1/20/19 Time: 10:00Name of Person reporting: Telephone #: Fax #: Email: Name of Institution: RutgengAssurance number: A3262Did incident involve PHS funded activity? Yes Funding component: ______ Was funding component contacted (if necessary): ______

What happened?

overcrowded morne campe, no boad, I mouse died

Species involved: Mouse Personnel involved: Dates and times: Animal deaths: (

Projected plan and schedule for correction/prevention (if known):

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Projected submission to OLAW of final report from Institutional Official:

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