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 The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
 USDA Research Facility Certificate: 74-R-0065

USDA Exception Summary

Houston campus:

The IACUC approved 1 exception to the USDA floorspace requirements for nonhuman primates during the reporting period, as listed below:

In December 2015, the MD Anderson Houston animal care program procure new primate cages that allowed improved social housing for primates. The caging could configured to allow both horizontal and vertical pairing options. When the caging was received on December 10, 2015, it was discovered that order some additional cage components had to be ordered to allow the horizontal configuration to be used. At that time 6 primates (3 pairs) were housed in the new caging using the vertical configuration; however, this configuration did not provide the required floorspace for 3 pairs of primates (6 animals) as listed in the Guide. For 1 pair, the floor space required was 10.3 sq ft and the cages provide 9.0 sq ft = 1.3 sq ft short; and the 2 other pairs had 2.6 sq ft. less than the required space per AWARs. The horizontal configuration provided adequate sq ft for all pairs. The components required for horizontal housing were ordered immediately and was delivered and implemented on Friday, Dec. 18; so IACUC approval was received for a floorspace exception for that period of time (8 days).

(b) (7)(F) [REDACTED] There were no exceptions to USDA standards for protocols at the [REDACTED]
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 during the reporting period.