

Column E Explanation

This form is intended as an aid to completing the Column E explanation. It is not an official form and its use is voluntary. Names, addresses, protocols, veterinary care programs, and the like, are not required as part of an explanation. A Column E explanation must be written so as to be understood by lay persons as well as scientists.

1. Registration Number: 23-R-0135

2. Number 8 of animals used in this study.

3. Species (common name) white footed mouse of animals used in the study.

4. Explain the procedure producing pain and/or distress.

Capture within a Sherman live trap.

Five found dead outside of traps -- raccoon predation.
Three found dead in the traps, may have died due to capture stress.

5. Provide scientific justification why pain and/or distress could not be relieved. State methods or means used to determine that pain and/or distress relief would interfere with test results. (For Federally mandated testing, see Item 6 below)

The only means of relieving the stress in the individuals that died would be not to have done a mammal census at all.
Using live traps and doing two checks per 24 hour period exceeds standard mammal census protocols approved by the American Society of mammalogy.

6. What, if any, federal regulations require this procedure? Cite the agency, the code of Federal Regulations (CFR) title number and the specific section number (e.g., APHIS, 9 CFR 113.102):

Agency NA CFR NA