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**To:** Crocheck, Michelle - ARS  
**Subject:** Report for AAALAC on birds in 318  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 05, 2019 3:43:04 PM  
**Attachments:** IACUC Report 12 chickens for DVL room 318.pdf

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Michelle,  
Please see the attached and let me know if you have any questions.  
Thanks,  
Jean

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**Cc:** Crocheck, Michelle - ARS  
**Subject:** Please comment by noon - draft report to AAALAC - File #816 - unexpected death of chicks  
**Date:** Thursday, June 06, 2019 8:09:23 AM

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Please let me know if you want to see any more info in this report to AAALAC. I plan to send it to them this afternoon as this happened yesterday.

This will serve as the initial report of the unexpected death of nine chicks that were a day old. On June 5, 2019, a group of twelve chicks was placed in an isolator cage. Within 45 minutes, nine of the chicks had died. The remaining three were humanely euthanized.

The isolator cage in question will not be used again until thoroughly inspected for HEPA filter function and motor system function.

Thanks!

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IACUC Report  
ACUP: APH-2018-755

**IACUC Report:**

**Date of Incident:**

05Jun19

**Animal(s) involved in the incident:**

Twelve (12) day old chicks

**Description of the incident:**

An Animal Caretaker received twelve chicks at 9:30am and put the chicks within one isolator cage. Within 45 minutes there was an acute death loss of all but 3 birds. The remaining birds were humanely euthanized.

**Plan of Action:**

The isolator in question will not be used again until thoroughly inspected for HEPA filter function and motor system function.

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Here is the report I sent to AAALAC for your files. (b)(5) DPP

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Thanks!

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**Subject:** File #816 - unexpected death of a chicken

This will serve as initial and final report of an Unexpected chicken death. On July 27, 2019, a seven week old chicken was humanely euthanized after it was found caught under raised decking in the housing area. The raised decking allows the chickens to get off of the floor. The remaining 92 chickens were not affected.

Staff will be reminded to check carefully when the decking is lifted to wash and replaced following wash down. Inclusion of this procedure in initial training for that area will also be verified.

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**Subject:** draft AAALAC notice of unexpected death loss  
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Jean – please comment if I captured the incident adequately. What is the % in the production losses for aquaculture in our guidance docs?

This will serve as an initial report of unexpected fish death loss. On Sunday, September 8, 2019, a control system malfunction interrupted the waste water outflow from the tanks for the aquatic species. The oxygen level was impaired. Staff were notified via the alarm system and provided supplemental oxygen as soon as possible. However, twelve salmon died as the result of the low oxygen levels. In addition to the remaining salmon, there were tilapia housed in the facility as well.

Please let me know if you have edits or additions to this wording.

Thanks.

Michelle

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This will serve as an initial report of unexpected fish death loss. On Sunday, September 8, 2019, a control system malfunction interrupted the waste water outflow from the tanks for the aquatic species. The oxygen level was impaired. Staff were notified via the alarm system and provided supplemental oxygen as soon as possible. However, twelve salmon died as the result of the low oxygen levels. In addition to the remaining salmon, there were tilapia housed in the facility as well.

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