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June 27, 2018

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3145-01 [OLAW Case 2B]

Dr. Mark Chance
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Dear Dr. Chance,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your June 22, 2018 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at Case Western Reserve University. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that a guinea pig had been inadvertently wrapped in bedding, sent through the autoclave, and died.

The corrective action consisted of recommending termination of the technician responsible, retraining all staff working in this area, requiring caretakers to count all animals before and after changing cages, updating the standard operating procedure (SOP) to include animal counting, and distributing the SOP.

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.

Sincerely,

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Axel Wolff, M.S., D.V.M.
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cc: IACUC Chair

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Re: Assurance# A3145-01

Dear Dr. Morse,

I am writing this letter to inform you of an incident that occurred in our Health Sciences Animal Facility on June 1, 2018. During routine husbandry care of animals in our biohazard area, a guinea pig was inadvertently wrapped in bedding material and placed in the autoclave and died as a result. This was an isolated incident on the part of an experienced technician.

The following actions have been taken:

1. The technician is being processed through our HR department with termination recommended.

2. All personnel working in the biohazard area have been retrained with emphasis on animal safety and prevention of adverse events during routine husbandry care.

3. Employees are now required to count all animals before and after each cage changing activity.

4. The relevant SOP was revised to include the new process (#3) and the SOP has been disseminated throughout the biohazard area.

In closing, I want to assure you and your office of Case Western Reserve University's commitment to animal welfare regulations. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 7:38 AM
To: Tami McCourt
Cc: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Subject: RE: ARC Incident Report

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Thank you Ms. McCourt for this report. Dr. Wolff will respond soon.

Regards,
Joan

From: Tami McCourt [mailto:txm9@cwru.edu]
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2018 11:28 AM
To: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD) <olawdco@od.nih.gov>
Cc: Mark Chance <mark.chance@case.edu>
Subject: ARC Incident Report

Dr. Wolff,

Please find the attached ARC Incident Report from Dr. Mark Chance, the Institutional Official for Case Western Reserve University regarding an operational incident that occurred on June 1, 2018. Please consider this report as our preliminary and final reports combined, as this incident was addressed immediately. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any further questions regarding this matter.

Thank you,

Tami McCourt RVT, BTAS, CMAR, CPIA

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