Summary of Exceptions University of Illinois – Chicago 33-R-0018

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee of the University of Illinois – Chicago has approved an exception for the requirements in Subpart D Section 3.84 Cleaning, Sanitation, Housekeeping, and Pest Control of the Standards promulgated to implement the Animal Welfare Act for cleaning/sanitation of primary cages. The exception granted was that cages used to house nonhuman primates maintained in a BSL-3 facility would be changed every thirty days instead of every 2 weeks. The exception was granted to minimize potential staff exposure to infectious agents as well as minimize potential macro-environment contamination of the BSL-3 facility during the cage changing process. Cages were spot cleaned during the 30-day period between cage sanitation on an as needed basis. Thirty-two macaques were maintained under this exception for up to 90 days. The health and husbandry of the animals maintained under this exception was monitored by the veterinary and husbandry staff during the course of the project. No health or husbandry problems related to the exception were noted.