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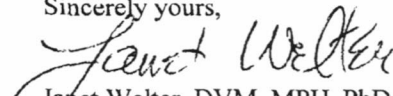
Dear Dr. Wolff:

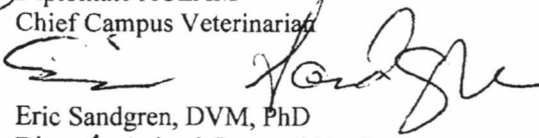
This is a follow-up to a verbal report I made to you, regarding three rats that died after a ventilation control unit in a specialized procedure room failed. The underlying problem was a failed temperature sensor that was repaired by the vendor the next day. There have been no problems in the facility since. The researcher affected has NIH funding.

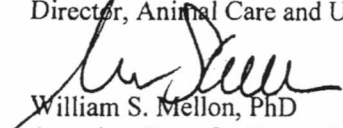
I am also reporting a protocol violation that occurred, in which mice were infected with a bacterium, but there was no infection experiment described in the UW-approved animal use protocol. The approved protocol covered vaccination, but not challenge. The challenge portion of the protocol was supposed to be performed at another PHS-assured institution, under an existing, approved animal use protocol that DID include challenge studies. Unfortunately the investigator did not realize that he did not have approval to perform the challenge study on the UW campus, having conflated experiments approved in his UW biosafety protocol with experiments approved in his UW animal use protocol. The investigator promptly amended his animal use protocol to cover the challenge studies, and put in place procedures to prevent further errors. The School of Veterinary Medicine Animal Care and Use Committee has reviewed and approved his procedures and is confident there will be no further confusion. This investigator has NIH funding.

If you have further questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Janet Welter at 608/265-2695.

Sincerely yours,


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Initial Report of Noncompliance

Date: 7/24/08

Time: 11:30

Name of Person reporting: Janet Welton
 Telephone #: 608 265 2695
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 Email:

Name of Institution: U of Wisconsin - Madison
 Assurance number: A3368

Did incident involve PHS funded activity? Yes
 Funding component: _____
 Was funding component contacted (if necessary): _____

What happened?

7 drimocapsule broke in procedure room + 3 rats died from overheating. Maintenance already had been working on it.

Species involved: *Rats*
 Personnel involved:
 Dates and times:
 Animal deaths: 3

Projected plan and schedule for correction/prevention (if known): _____

Maintenance fixed problem

Projected submission to OLAW of final report from Institutional Official:

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