



Inspection Report

Southern Research Institute
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Customer ID: **878**
Certificate: **64-R-0001**
Site: 001

SOUTHERN RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION
Date: 19-OCT-2016

2.38(f)(1) CRITICAL

MISCELLANEOUS.

*** On September 23, 2016 two ferrets on protocol 16-06-024B escaped their cage. The staff observed through the window during the AM check that the bottom cage door was ajar. Once the staff accessed the room he was only able to locate one of the two ferrets. Ferret #15145 was not found and the facility has yet to discern how the animal escaped the room. The staff was trained to double check the enclosures with the understanding that they have the potential to not latch. During questioning the staff member mentioned that there could be a chance that the door was not properly secured. There are other advantage points in which the animal could have escaped the secondary containment but not the primary containment.

Animals should be handled carefully, in such a manner that does not cause them trauma, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort. The facility should ensure that corrective actions for handling issues will prevent similar problems from occurring in the future.

The facility has implemented additional enclosure locks on the cage to ensure they are secured once closed. Also there have been other corrections implemented on the second containment. The facility self-reported the incident to APHIS officials.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the Attending Veterinarian.

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Date:
19-OCT-2016

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER 6048

Received by Title: ATTENDING VETERINARIAN

Date:
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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
878	64-R-0001	001	SOUTHERN RESEARCH INSTITUTE	19-OCT-16

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000001	Total	