



Inspection Report

Colorado Serum Company
P. O. Box 16428
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Customer ID: **1086**
Certificate: **84-B-0072**
Site: 001
COLORADO SERUM COMPANY

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 29-AUG-2017

3.26(b)

FACILITIES, INDOOR.

***There is not adequate ventilation in indoor building #18, housing 218 guinea pigs and 73 rabbits. The air in the animal room was stuffy and the odor of ammonia caused APHIS personnel's eyes to water and their noses to run. While the thermostat in the room noted the temperature to be at 72.0F, the inspector's Kestrel 4000 found the ambient temperature to be at 79.2F and the humidity at 45%. During the inspection at 12:00 PM, the majority of the floor was wet, and several small puddles of water were present in different areas of the room. There was a large central drain that appeared to be functional, however the floor was covered in a layer of water. Facility staff informed the inspectors that the floor had been cleaned with water and squeegeed at approximately 8:00 AM that morning.

Strong ammonia odors can cause irritation and discomfort to the animals housed in this room. Fresh air is necessary to maintain the health and well-being of the guinea pigs and rabbits. Additionally, a lack of air flow can contribute to moisture condensation. Indoor housing facilities for guinea pigs shall be adequately ventilated to provide for the health and comfort of the animals at all times. Such facilities shall be ventilated so as to minimize drafts, odors, and moisture condensation.

To be corrected by: October 11, 2017

3.31(a)(1)

SANITATION.

***Guinea pigs and rabbits are being placed in primary enclosures that have not been adequately sanitized. The dirty guinea pig and rabbit enclosures are stacked alongside the clean and sanitized enclosures. APHIS personnel noticed that many of the dirty cages were in contact with the clean cages. Facility personnel informed the APHIS inspector that the dirty enclosures are cleaned with a sprayer containing disinfectant and then a manual steam cleaning occurs. This cleaning process occurs alongside the dirty enclosures and in close proximity to the clean ones. The current process of cleaning the dirty enclosures is contaminating the already sanitized enclosures, which are not being sanitized again before being used to house animals.

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Animal enclosures must be adequately cleaned and sanitized in order to reduce disease transmission and to provide for appropriate animal husbandry standards. Primary enclosures shall be cleaned and sanitized often enough to prevent an accumulation of excreta or debris, provided that such enclosures shall be sanitized at least once every two weeks in the manner provided in paragraph (a)(4) of this section.

To be corrected by: September 13, 2017

3.129(b)

FEEDING.

The cement feed troughs in an enclosure with two horses were not clean. There was an accumulation of dried horse feces and other debris in the troughs. Facility staff informed APHIS personnel that the horses are fed grain out of these troughs.

Surfaces on which food is placed should be clean so that the food does not become contaminated. Contaminated food may harbor pathogens and cause disease in the animals. Food receptacles shall be kept clean and sanitary at all times.

To be corrected by: September 6, 2017

3.131(d)

SANITATION.

***Numerous birds were roosting above the sheep pens. In one pen there was an accumulation of bird feces on the central light source and in another there was feces covering the metal bars making up one wall of an enclosure. There was an accumulation of bird feces in the grain troughs.

The presence of pests can cause contamination of the food supply and also lead to health hazards for the animals. The licensee must establish and maintain an effective program for the control of pests to promote the health and well-being of the animals and reduce contamination by pests in all animal areas.

To be corrected by: September 30, 2017

This inspection was conducted with two facility veterinarians on August 29, 2017 and the exit interview was conducted with four facility veterinarians and a facility representative on August 30, 2017.

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Species Inspected

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1086	84-B-0072	001	COLORADO SERUM COMPANY	29-AUG-17

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000012	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000218	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000002	<i>Equus caballus</i>	DOMESTIC HORSE
000073	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000139	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000446	Total	