# United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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## **Inspection Report**

Robert Sargeant

655 Ash Street

Ramona, CA 92065

Customer ID: 1115

Certificate: 93-R-0283

Site: 001

ROBERT SARGENT

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 17-MAR-2016

### 2.31(e)(2)

## INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

An IACUC approved protocol involving rabbits and goats did not contain an adequate rationale for the appropriateness of the species or the numbers of these animals to be used. The protocol stated that two rabbits and one goat are normally adequate but that in cases of larger needs then more animals may be required; however there is no quantity or range provided which corresponds to how many more numbers of the animals this would require. There is not an explanation given to justify the numbers of animals currently being used to make the procedures valid.

The rationale approved by the IACUC should provide assurances for the appropriateness of the species and that the appropriate number of animals is being used to obtain the information the activity is designed to provide.

It is the responsibility of the IACUC to ensure that proposals to conduct activities involving animals contain rationales that explain the appropriateness of the species and the number of animals to be used in those activities.

To be corrected for all future inspections.

#### 2.31(e)(5)

## INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

An IACUC approved protocol involving rabbits and goats did not provide a complete description of the method of euthanasia used. The protocol stated euthanasia would be by intravenous pentobarbital sodium. There is no documentation of the dosage used for the covered animals (rabbits/goats) or a description of the procedure which is followed for euthanizing animals. The IACUC should review proposed activities involving animals to ensure there is a complete description of the method of euthanasia to be utilized that is in accordance with established standard veterinary practices and regulatory requirements of the act.

To be corrected for all future inspections.

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#### 3.51(d)

#### FACILITIES, INDOOR.

In the rabbit barn, the majority of rabbit enclosures are moderately covered in rust. There was a section of new cages and feeders which had replaced older ones. The presence of rust may prevent the required cleaning and sanitizing of the enclosures, which may adversely affect the health and well-being of the animals.

The interior building surfaces of indoor housing facilities shall be constructed and maintained so that they are substantially impervious to moisture and may be readily sanitized.

Correct by 12/31/2016

#### 3.56(c)

#### SANITATION.

- -Several empty rabbit enclosures had not been cleaned since last occupied by the animals. A large section of enclosures were heavily covered with dust and cobwebs while others were soiled and contained what appeared to be dried fecal matter and other mixed food/waste material. These enclosures were located in the same area and directly adjacent to other rabbits. According to the facility representative, the cages are not cleaned until rabbits are placed in them.
- -Several overhead and ceiling areas of the barn had a moderate buildup of cobwebs with some being located directly over rabbit cages.
- -There was a heavy buildup of fecal matter and other waste material along the walkways between rows of cages, underneath several of the rabbit cages, and in areas on the ground near the base of large building support beams.

Decomposing organic/waste material may create noxious odors, attract vermin, and potentially create disease hazards thus adversely impacting the health and well-being of the animals housed nearby. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean in order to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart.

A system should be in place to ensure areas surrounding animal housing areas are cleaned as required to protect the health and well-being of the animals.

Correct by 06/30/2016



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## 3.56(d)

#### SANITATION.

Several flies were observed in the rabbit barn at time of inspection. No functional flytraps or other fly control products/methods are presently being used. Control of insects and other pests is needed to reduce contamination and potential disease hazards and to promote the health and well-being of the animals. An effective program of pest control must be established and maintained.

Correct by 04/04/2016

Exit interview conducted with facility representative, Dr. Alexandra Andricos, VMO and Dr. Tyler Fields, VMO.

#### **Additional Inspectors**

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# **Species Inspected**

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1115	93-R-0283	001	ROBERT SARGENT	17-MAR-16

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