



## Inspection Report

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Pel-Freez, LLC  
205 North Arkansas St  
Rogers, AR 72756

Customer ID: **7213**  
Certificate: **71-R-0121**  
Site: 001  
PEL-FREEZ, LLC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 11-JUN-2025

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### 2.31(c)(3)

#### **Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).**

The IACUC did not prepare a written report regarding the facility's program review and inspection of the animal facilities, for submission to the Institutional Official for their last review. A semi-annual review was completed in December 2024, however, a report of the evaluation was never prepared or submitted to the Institutional Official.

Every six months, upon completion of the program review and facility inspection, the IACUC must provide reports of its evaluations to the Institutional Official to ensure that they are aware of the current status of the animal program, facilities, and procedures.

After completing the program review and the inspection of the animal facilities, the IACUC must prepare reports of their evaluations, including minority opinions, that a majority of members must sign, and submit the reports to the Institutional Official. Correct by next semi annual review, no later than July 15, 2025.

### 2.31(d)(1)(iii)

#### **Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).**

The IACUC-approved protocol does not include any written assurance that the activities do not unnecessarily duplicate previous experiments. Without such assurance, the IACUC may approve protocols that utilize animals in research for which additional benefit is not achieved. The IACUC shall ensure all approved protocols contain a written assurance from the principal investigator regarding unnecessary duplication.

Correct by including an assurance on all protocols approved after 6/11/25 and amend all currently approved protocols no later than 7/11/25

### 2.31(e)

#### **Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).**

The facility used animals for an activity that had not been fully approved by the IACUC. Before beginning a study, in both January and April 2025, the attending veterinarian conducted training labs with live animals to ensure protocol personnel had adequate skill on the procedures contained in the approved protocols. There is no written training protocol or SOP that contains the procedures that were trained. The rabbits were supplied separately from the rabbits approved for use in the protocols. Personnel performed the procedures and were evaluated for proficiency. While adequately trained personnel is required to conduct animal research, the process of providing that training is a separate and distinct animal use than the intended protocol and the IACUC must be provided oversight in order to limit unnecessary animal use, pain,

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and distress. All proposals to conduct activities involving animals must be submitted to the IACUC for approval and contain the information listed in 2.31(e): 1, identification of the species and the approximate number of animals to be used; 2, a rationale for involving animals and the appropriateness of the species and the numbers of animals to be used; 3, a complete description of the proposed use of the animals; 4, a description of procedures designed to assure that discomfort and pain to animals will be limited to that which is unavoidable; 5, a description of any euthanasia method to be used.

Correct by 6/12/25

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

Additional Inspectors:

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**Species Inspected**

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
7213	71-R-0121	001	PEL-FREEZ, LLC	11-JUN-2025

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000008	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000008	<b>Total</b>	