



Inspection Report

US National Poultry Research Center
950 COLLEGE STATION ROAD
ATHENS, GA 30605

Customer ID: **334023**

Certificate: **57-G-0001**

Site: 001

NATIONAL POULTRY
RESEARCH CENTER

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 17-DEC-2024

3.150(a) Critical

Facilities, general.

**A review of facility records indicated twelve (12) 7-week-old turkeys were found deceased in the floor pen. The water line to the pen was found to have disconnected from the pressure reducing valve allowing water to flow freely. The floor pen did have a drain; however, the plug in the drain had small holes which did not allow the water to drain quickly enough to adequately remove water from the pen. The facility attributed the death of the birds to the defective water line and inadequate drainage.

**The defective water line in addition to the inadequate drain, did not protect the birds from injury resulting in a negative impact to the health of the animals.

**Facilities housing animals should be maintained to be in good repair to prevent harm and injury to the animals.

**Corrective measures were implemented prior to the inspection.

2.33(b)(3) Critical Repeat

Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care.

**The principal investigator of study protocol 2027-02 failed to communicate unexpected morbidity and mortality findings to the attending veterinarian. On August 26, 2024, the attending veterinarian was notified by an animal caretaker of 9 dead birds. The necropsy findings indicated these birds were dehydrated. Further investigation revealed that the principal investigator euthanized 3 birds on August 25, 2024, without notifying the attending veterinarian, as the facility's protocol required. The failure to timely communicate animal health issues to the attending veterinarian delayed treatment thus causing undue pain and distress to those animals. An effective method of direct and frequent communication with the attending veterinarian must be established for timely diagnosis and adequate veterinary intervention.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

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334023	57-G-0001	001	NATIONAL POULTRY RESEARCH CENTER	17-DEC-2024

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
003954	<i>ARS BIRDS</i>	ARS BIRDS
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