



## Inspection Report

Oakwood Research Facility Inc  
P.O. Box 455  
Oxford, MI 48371

Customer ID: **7588**

Certificate: **34-A-0119**

Site: 001

OAKWOOD RESEARCH FACILITY INC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 13-APR-2015

### 3.51(d)

#### FACILITIES, INDOOR.

The ceiling contained multiple areas where the paint is flaking off revealing the bare wood underneath. These surfaces are not impervious to water and cannot be effectively sanitized. Sanitization of interior building surfaces is essential to control diseases and to control odors and pests. These surfaces must be sealed so that they are impervious to water.

Correct by: 7-13-15

### 3.53(a)(1)

#### REPEAT

#### PRIMARY ENCLOSURES.

The lower level of the facility contained several primary enclosure cages that had areas of wire flooring in the corners that was sagging and becoming deteriorated. A great number of the enclosures on the lower level had large amounts of urine scale on the wire walls forming the back of the enclosure. This scale had rusted and deteriorated the wire on many of the cages. The wire is lacking in structural integrity and was broken in several places. Wire points were observed protruding into several of the enclosures. Rusting and broken wire was located below leaky lixits on a few of the cages in the lower level. Urine scale must be removed and leaky lixits repaired and then this wire must be evaluated and repaired or replaced if needed in order to prevent possible injury to the rabbits caused by failure of this wire. This caging must be repaired or replaced in order to prevent possible animal injury leading to unnecessary suffering or euthanasia of rabbits.

### 3.54(a)

#### REPEAT

#### FEEDING.

The lower level contained a cage located on a top row with a water lixit that was continuously dripping. This water was splashing and running down the sides of the cages below it. The cage on the bottom row was very rusty where this water was splashing on it indicating to me that this problem had been going on for some time. The food receptacle was being splashed and food inside the receptacle was contaminated with this dirty water. This presents a disease hazard for the animals ingesting this feed. This lixit needs to be repaired to prevent the rabbits from consuming feed tainted with this water which has become contaminated with feces while running and splashing

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down the sides of the cages above it.

### 3.54(b)

#### FEEDING.

The lower level had several feeders in use that were rusted to a point where they could no longer be effectively cleaned and sanitized. These feeders must be sanitized at least once every two weeks. It is essential that these feeders be effectively cleaned and sanitized in order to prevent the spread of disease and control odors which become a problem when items cannot be cleaned and sanitized thoroughly.

Correct by: 5-25-15.

### 3.56(a)(1)

#### REPEAT

#### SANITATION.

The lower level contained numerous primary rabbit enclosures with an excessive buildup of urine scale, fecal material and debris on the wire of the back wall of the enclosure. This buildup needs to be removed more frequently to control disease and odors in the facility. This material can harbor infectious agents capable of causing disease. It is not possible to effectively sanitize these enclosures when this buildup of urine scale and debris is present on them. Clean these enclosures. Clean them as often as needed to prevent this buildup of urine scale, fecal material and debris.

### 3.56(b)(1)

#### SANITATION.

Multiple primary enclosures have areas of wire which has rusted to a degree that it can no longer be effectively cleaned and sanitized. These cages must be sanitized at least once every 30 days. It is essential that these cages be effectively cleaned and sanitized in order to prevent the spread of disease and control odors which become a problem when items cannot be cleaned and sanitized thoroughly.

Correct by: 6-13-15.

### 3.56(c)

#### SANITATION.

Many of the support columns for the caging located in the lower section of the facility were covered with a thick crust of grime and brown sludge like material. This can lead to disease and odor control issues and pest control problems. These columns must be cleaned.

Correct by: 4-15-15.

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### EMPLOYEES.

The site manager informed the inspector that several employees have left the facility recently and the facility is currently interviewing replacements. The nature of the citations at the facility on this inspection indicates that more employees are desperately needed. Wire has been purchased and is on hand to make cage floor repairs but this has not yet been accomplished. Routine cleaning tasks such as removing urine scale and cleaning cage support columns are being neglected. At the time of inspection the rabbits appeared to be in good health but if conditions continue to deteriorate this may lead to possible animal injury and sickness resulting in unnecessary animal suffering. It is essential that more employees be hired or animal numbers reduced.

Correct by: 5-13-15.

Inspection conducted at the Oakwood facility. The Attica facility has been depopulated.

Inspection conducted with the site supervisor on 4-13-15. Exit interview conducted with the site supervisor on 4-14-15.

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## Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
7588	34-A-0119	001	OAKWOOD RESEARCH FACILITY INC	13-APR-15

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
003084	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	EUROPEAN RABBIT
<b>003084</b>	<b>Total</b>	