

United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

JTOMKOVITCH INS-0000892032

Inspection Report

Customer ID: 1752 Equitech-Bio Inc.

512 Cotton Gin Lane Certificate: 74-R-0161 Kerrville, TX 78028

Site: 004

EQUITECH-BIO INC.

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 12-SEP-2023

2.31(d)(1)(iii)

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

The IACUC-approved protocol PRI-05.903 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 regarding unnecessary duplication. Correct by 10-OCT-2023.

3.125(a)

Facilities, general.

The facility is not protecting animals from injury. The metal fencing of the outdoor enclosure that is housing adult goats is in a state of disrepair. The metal wires have broken off creating sharp points that are accessible to the animals. Sharp points can cause injury and distress to the regulated animals. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals. Corrected at the time of inspection.

3.129(b)

Feeding.

The feed troughs for the adult goats are not being kept in sanitary conditions. A brown crusty pellet residue was seen adhered to the bottom of the feed troughs. Additionally, bird droppings were also seen on the edges of the feed troughs. Improperly cleaned food receptacles can cause contamination of food, which may have a negative impact on the health and well-being of the animals. Correct by ensuring food receptacles are kept clean and sanitary at all times. Correct by 15-SEP-2023.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a Facility Representative.

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Species Inspected

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1752	74-R-0161	004	EQUITECH-BIO INC.	12-SEP-2023

CountScientific NameCommon Name000460Capra hircusDOMESTIC GOAT000134Ovis aries ariesSHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS

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