



## Inspection Report

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FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY  
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### 2.31(c)(1) Repeat

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

The IACUC did not review the research facility's program for humane care and use of animals at least once every six months as required. The IACUC reviewed the Program on 1/18/23 and the next review of the Program was performed by the IACUC 9 months later on 10/26/23.

Per this Section, the IACUC acts as an agent of the research facility to assess the animal program, facilities, and procedures. With respect to activities involving animals, the IACUC shall review the research facility's program for humane care and use of animals at least once every six months. The semi-annual review of the Program is important to determine the status of the animal use program at the institution.

### 2.31(c)(2)

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

The IACUC did not inspect the research facility's animal facilities at least once every six months as required. The IACUC inspected the animal facilities on 11/22/22 and the next inspection of the animal facilities was performed by the IACUC 11 months later on 10/26/23.

Per this Section, the IACUC acts as an agent of the research facility to assess the animal program, facilities, and procedures. With respect to activities involving animals, the IACUC shall inspect all of the research facility's animal facilities including animal study areas at least once every six months. The semi-annual inspection of the animal facilities is important to determine the status of the facilities at the institution. Correct from this date 2/7/24 forward for all future semi-annual inspections of the animal facilities.

### 2.31(c)(3) Repeat

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

The semi-annual reports to the Institutional Official (IO) were reviewed; the most recent update to the semi-annual report submitted by the IACUC to the IO was dated 5/4/22. Although the IACUC did complete the next semi-annual reviews of the Program and animal facilities on 11/22/22 and 1/18/23 respectively and the semi-annual report was prepared and dated 3/14/23, the report has not been reviewed or signed by a majority of the IACUC members and the report has not

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been submitted to the Institutional Official. In addition, the IACUC also completed semi-annual reviews of the Program and animal facilities on 10/26/23 but the Committee has not yet prepared a report of their findings. As of the date of this inspection, it has been 20 months since the last update to the semi-annual report was submitted by the IACUC to the IO.

Per this Section, one of the functions of the IACUC is to prepare reports of the Committee's semi-annual evaluations of the program for animal use and its inspection of the facilities; the semi-annual reports to the Institutional Official shall be updated at least once every six months upon completion of the required semiannual evaluations. This process ensures that the Institutional Official is kept informed of the status of both the animal use program and the research facilities. The IACUC needs to prepare the semi-annual reports for the Committee's last two evaluations of the program and facilities and submit the reports to the IO.

### 2.35(a)(1)

#### Recordkeeping requirements.

A convened meeting of the IACUC was held on 4/19/23 according to a copy of the agenda prepared for the meeting that was reviewed at the time of the inspection. There was not a copy of the minutes prepared for the 4/19/23 convened IACUC meeting available for review at the time of the inspection.

Per this Section of the Regulations, a research facility shall maintain copies of the minutes of IACUC meetings and have them available for review at the time of an inspection. Compliance with this Section is important so the inspector can review records of attendance, activities of the Committee, and Committee deliberations to determine the research facility's compliance with the provisions of the AWA. Minutes for the 4/19/23 meeting need to be prepared and made available for review. Correct by 3/7/24.

This inspection and exit briefing were conducted with facility representative.

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