



Inspection Report

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
7250 MESA COLLEGE DRIVE, P-300
SAN DIEGO, CA 92111

Customer ID: **1153**
Certificate: **93-R-0124**
Site: 001
SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 01-AUG-2024

2.31(c)(2)

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

The facility had a semiannual animal facility inspection on April 26, 2023, and then had a delayed interval of approximately 8.5 months before the next inspection on January 8, 2024.

The IACUC shall inspect, at least once every six months, all of the research facility's animal facilities, including animal study areas, using title 9, chapter I, subchapter A-Animal Welfare, as a basis for evaluation.

Corrected on July 8, 2024

2.31(c)(3)

Repeat

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

On the Semiannual Report of the Program Review and Facility Inspection document dated 7-8-2024 on the first page, no description of changes to the institution's animal care and use were described. No description of the nature and extent of the research facility's adherence to the AWA was stated as required. Also, the departures and deficiencies results were missing with a notation: "To be provided by the program director," who currently is not a member of the facility's IACUC.

On the second page, the minority views result was left ambiguous, and the report was not signed by a majority of IACUC members. There are currently 7 members on the IACUC since approximately mid-March of 2024 and only 3 members were listed as participating in the facility inspection but no member's signatures were observed on this report document provided to APHIS.

The last or third page of this document is dated 7-14-2024, there were no required dates given for the schedule of correction of the deficiencies found. If program or facility deficiencies are noted, the reports must contain a reasonable and specific plan and schedule with dates for correcting each deficiency.

Semiannual reports to the Institutional Official, IO, ensure that the IO is kept informed regarding the current state of the animal program and facilities. The semiannual evaluations and reports must be reviewed, and signed by a majority of the IACUC members, and must include any minority views, deficiencies, and departures. Reasons must be stated for each departure. This helps to ensure accountability for adequate animal health and welfare. The IACUC remains responsible

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for the evaluations and reports as required by the Act and regulations. The reports shall be updated at least once every 6 months upon completion of the required semiannual evaluations. No IACUC member wishing to participate in any evaluation conducted under this subpart may be excluded.

3.125(c)

Facilities, general.

On the animal housing grounds, there was an elevated hay storage building that had a front that was open to the environment with no doors attached so it could not be closed. Multiple squirrels were seen around the structure and could easily enter and crawl upon the stored hay in this "overflow" hay storage structure. Climbing rodents could easily nest or contaminate the hay within.

Supplies of food and bedding shall be stored in facilities that adequately protect such supplies against deterioration, molding, or contamination by vermin.

Correct by August 31, 2024.

3.154

Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.

The facility did not have a documented environment enhancement plan to promote the psychological well-being of their avian species as required by the Animal Welfare Act.

The research facility must develop, document, and follow a species-appropriate plan for environmental enhancement adequate to promote the psychological well-being of birds. The plan must be approved by the attending veterinarian and must correspond with currently accepted professional standards. The plan, at a minimum, must address social grouping, environmental enrichment, special considerations, restraint devices, and requirements for exemptions.

Correct by August 31, 2024.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with an authorized person.

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Species Inspected

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1153	93-R-0124	001	SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE	01-AUG-2024

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000004	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000006	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000001	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000008	<i>Columba livia domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIGEON INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000001	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	RED-TAILED HAWK
000001	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	TURKEY VULTURE
000001	<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>	LAUGHING KOOKABURRA
000001	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	GREAT HORNED OWL
000001	<i>Gallus gallus domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC CHICKEN (INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS / TURKIN / COCK / HEN / ROOSTER)
000024	Total	