

Subject: Explanation for Animals Listed in Column E.

Registration No. 84-F-0001

Deer Mice (40)

Deer mice listed in Column E of this report were used in a studies outlined by the Office of Pesticides Programs of the EPA. The animals were used as outlined in the Standard Mouse Anticoagulant Dry Bait Laboratory Test method (OPP Designation: 1.216.

Ferrets (8)

Ferrets listed in Column E of this report were fed a bait containing difethialone, an anticoagulant, and allowed to succumb to the toxin without the use of anesthetics, analgesics, or tranquilizers. Ferrets that ingested the difethialone bait were required to conduct a part of QA-385 – "Secondary toxicity hazard assessment of difethialone in black-billed magpies (*Pica pica*) and European ferrets (*Mustela putorius furo*)". Ferrets were offered the bait in their cages and allowed to ingest the bait. The amount of bait ingested by the ferrets needed to be equal to that normally consumed by the ferrets. Therefore, it was not desirable to bait anesthetized ferrets or provide bait to ferrets under the influence of analgesics or tranquilizers. General aspects for conducting this type of secondary hazard test are described in the following document: Urban, D. J. and N. J. Cook. 1986. Ecological Risk Assessment. EPA-540/9- 85-001, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pesticide Programs, Washington, DC. 20460 96 p.

Pocket Gopher(5)

Five pocket gophers were fed strychnine bait and allowed to succumb to the toxin without the use of anesthetics, analgesics, or tranquilizing drugs. Pocket gophers that had ingested strychnine bait were required to conduct a part of QA-623, "Assessing potential secondary hazards of pocket gophers following strychnine baiting". The experimental approach was to provide animals access to bait in their pens and permit them to ingest the bait. The amount of bait ingested by the pocket gopher needed to be equivalent to that normally consumed by pocket gophers. Therefore, it was considered undesirable to dose an anesthetized animal or provide bait to an animal under the influence of an anesthetic.

