

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE



CASE NO.
FX07139-AC

VIOLATOR
International Institute for Biomedical
Research, Inc.

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The Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about June 4, 2007, July 6, 2007, and April 21, 2008, you or your organization committed the following violation of Federal Regulations:

June 4, 2007, and April 21, 2008

9 C.F.R. § 2.38(b) Access and inspection of records and property. Each research facility shall, during business hours, allow APHIS officials to examine records required to be kept by the Act and the regulations in this part.

Respondent failed to ensure APHIS officials were provided access to required records at the time of inspection. Inspectors were not able to review IACUC meeting minutes, biannual facility inspections, program review, evaluations required to be submitted to the Institutional Official (OI), and documentation verifying the appointment of IACUC members by the Institutional Official.

July 6, 2007

9 C.F.R. § 2.31(a) Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). The Chief Executive Officer of the research facility shall appoint an IACUC, qualified through the experience and expertise of its members to assess the research facility's animal program, facilities, and procedures.

Respondent failed to appoint an IACUC until on or about May 12, 2008. Establishment of an IACUC is essential for maintenance of a research registration under the Animal Welfare Act and to ensure the well being of all regulated animals held under that registration.

Titles 7 & 9 Code of Federal Regulations were promulgated to help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases and assure the humane treatment of animals. Since the violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impact detrimental to the public interest, you are warned of this violation. Any further violation of these regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty or criminal prosecution. If you have any questions concerning this warning or violation, please contact the listed APHIS official.

APHIS OFFICIAL (Name, Title)

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