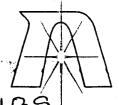
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November 29, 1999

Dear Dr. Gibbens:

Northview Pacific Laboratories, Inc. is an AAALAC accredited animal facility dedicated to the humane care and use of laboratory animals.

Northview's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) meets two-to-four times per year in order to review ongoing experimental procedures involving animals and to vote on any new proposals for procedures involving animals. Twice a year, at six month intervals, the IACUC audits the company's animal care program for compliance with the Animal Welfare Act, and conducts an inspection of the company's animal facility. The IACUC submits a report to the company's Institutional Official noting any changes to the company's animal care program, any areas of noncompliance with AWA regulations, any problems or deficiencies that require corrective action, as well as any suggestions for future consideration.

Northview's IACUC assures that our program is in compliance both with the AWA and the NIH Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.

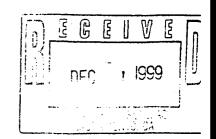
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Thank you for your attention to our Annual Report.

Sincerely,

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