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April 23, 2013

Name

Title

National Institutes of Health
Veterinary Medicine & Resources Branch
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Bethesda, MD 20892

Dear Name

On behalf of the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW), I would like to thank you for your willingness in serving as a member of the team which performed a site visit to the University of Wisconsin- Madison on April 17-18, 2013 for the purpose of evaluating animal care issues surrounding a specific study. Your expertise and in depth knowledge concerning the medical and technical aspects involved in supporting the type of study and animal model in question was extremely valuable. As a veterinarian ensuring the health and well-being of research animals you are contributing not only to animal welfare, but you are also supporting the humane conduct of studies with potential human applications. We appreciate your assistance in promoting this concept with one of our NIH grantee organizations and in assisting OLAW in its mission in monitoring compliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at an assured institution.

Thank you again for your participation and contributions and we hope that you would be willing to assist OLAW again in the future.

Sincerely,

Axel Wolff, M.S., D.V.M.
Director
Division of Compliance Oversight

cc: Name

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CONFIDENTIALITY CERTIFICATION

Check only one:



I have read the Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Information for Site Visitors and I hereby certify that I do not have a potential or actual conflict of interest in relation to the scheduled site visit.



I have read the Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Information for Site Visitors. I hereby certify that I have a potential or actual conflict of interest in relation to the scheduled site visit. I will disclose the conflict to the Federal official managing the site visit prior to any discussion of or involvement with the conflicted activity and a determination of how to handle the conflict will be arranged.

Statements:

The central purpose of the site visit for which this disclosure form is being prepared is not a critical review and evaluation of my work or that of my employer.

I do not have an existing professional obligation that effectively requires me to publicly defend a previously established position on an issue that is relevant to the functions to be performed during the site visit.

To the best of my knowledge, my participation in this site visit will not enable me to obtain access to a competitor's or potential competitor's confidential proprietary information.

As a current, or former, U.S. Government employee (either civilian or military), there are no federal conflict of interest restrictions that may be applicable to my service in connection with the activity.

As a non-U.S. Government employee, I am not employed by any other sponsor in the conduct of this site visit.

Neither I nor any member of my immediate family hold financial, equity, or proprietary interest in, or receive research support from, an organization that is the subject of the site visit.

I fully understand the confidential nature of the discussions held during activities of the site visit team and agree: (1) to destroy or return all materials related to the site visit; (2) not to disclose or discuss the materials associated with the visit or my evaluations with any other individual except as authorized by the Federal official managing the site visit; and (3) to refer all inquiries concerning the site visit to the Federal official managing the site visit.

Signature

Name

(Participant's Name)

Date :

4/10/13

Reviewed by:

Carol Woyt

(Federal Official)

Date:

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Name
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U.S. Department of Agriculture
Marketing and Regulatory Programs
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Animal Care
920 Main Campus Drive, Room #
Raleigh, N.C. 27606

Dear Name

On behalf of the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW), I would like to thank you for serving as a member of the site visit team to the University of Wisconsin- Madison on April 17-18, 2013 for the purpose of gathering information and evaluating animal care issues surrounding a specific study. In addition to representing the Eastern Sector, USDA-APHIS-Animal Care, your expertise in veterinary, husbandry, and animal care issues contributed to the formulation of an assessment and suggestions for refinements. Thank you for assisting OLAW in carrying out the mutual missions of NIH and USDA to ensure the welfare of animals used in biomedical research. I look forward to working with you on future assignments.

Sincerely,

Axel Wolff, M.S., D.V.M.
Director
Division of Compliance Oversight

cc: Name Title, USDA-APHIS-AC