

Exhibit 18

8/12/15 OLAW letter to Dr [REDACTED] subject matter expert for site visit



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DATE: August 12, 2015
TO: [REDACTED] D.V.M.
Division of Veterinary Resources, NIH
FROM: Director, Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
SUBJECT: August 11, 2015 Site Visit

Dear Dr. [REDACTED]

On behalf of the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) I would like to thank you for your participation in the site visit conducted to Primate Products, Inc. on August 11, 2015. Your professional veterinary and animal behavior expertise and input was extremely valuable in OLAW's assessment of this institution's animal care and use program. This case is eliciting a high level of interest from Congress, the media, and NIH senior administration. Our visit required tact and diplomacy and was conducted thoroughly and effectively by the site visit team. Ensuring appropriate animal care and use at Assured institutions leads to enhanced animal welfare and positively impacts the overall research program. We appreciate your assistance in this important aspect of OLAW's and NIH's mission and hope you will be available for future site visit participation.

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

cc: [REDACTED]

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Signature:  (Participant's Name) Date : 7/29/15

Reviewed by: Carl Wolff (Federal Official) Date: 7/29/15