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PRIMARY ENCLOSURES.

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Primary enclosures for nonhuman primates must meet the following minimum requirements:
(a) General requirements. (2) Primary enclosures must be constructed and maintained so that they:
(ii) Protect the nonhuman primates from injury.

On 12/7/2012 a 1 yr 7 mo old macaque was found dead in the enclosure it shared with a second macaque. The animal had been trapped in the squeeze mechanism built into the primary enclosure and died as a result of trauma to the head and neck. Since this incident the caretakers are adding padlocks to squeeze mechanisms, but only when individual macaques are observed to manipulate the levers controlling the squeeze. The animals are not under continuous observation.

Primary enclosures should be constructed and maintained so that they protect the animals from injury. Non-human primates that learn to manipulate their enclosure’s squeeze mechanism are at risk of injury or death. The facility should ensure that all squeeze mechanisms are secured in order to prevent additional injuries or deaths.

Correct by November 30, 2013.

An exit briefing was conducted with a facility representative.
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