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Mr. Jeffrey Quebedeaux  
William Greer Foundation, L.L.C.  
233 Fire Willow Trail  
Sunset, LA 70584

**RE: Notice of unpermitted proposed activity involving non-human primates**

Dear Mr. Quebedeaux:

This letter is intended to provide notice to you and the William Greer Foundation, L.L.C., that the proposed facility located at 7807 Hwy. 115 in Bunkie, Louisiana is currently unpermitted to house non-human primates, and housing such animals there would be in violation of state law and regulations.

On June 14, 2022, upon learning about a proposed facility that would house non-human primates, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Enforcement agents conducted an inspection on Avoyelles Parish School Board property located at 7807 Hwy. 115 Bunkie, LA. Access to the premises was granted and accompanied by an Avoyelles Parish School Board employee and an onsite security guard.

During the inspection, LDWF agents observed numerous cages and workers constructing new cinder block structures in an outside courtyard area. Upon information gathered at the site and through interviews with you and veterinarian Dr. Marsha Moulire, LDWF agents confirmed that you plan to house several hundred monkeys shipped from Asia at the facility.

Be advised that, except in limited instances, possession of non-human primates (monkeys and apes) in the State of Louisiana is unlawful and prohibited under LAC Title 76: 115 (C)(1), which provides, in pertinent part:

C.1. Except as provided herein, it shall be unlawful to import into, possess, purchase or sell within the state of Louisiana, by any means whatsoever including but not limited to transactions conducted via the internet, any of the following species or its subspecies of live wild quadrupeds, big exotic cats, or non-human primates, domesticated or otherwise (hereinafter "listed animals"):

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g. all non-human primates;

Although LAC Title 76:115 (E) provides certain exceptions<sup>1</sup> to the general rule that the possession of non-human primates is prohibited, LDWF records indicate that, with possible exception to the transport of such animals, neither you nor the business entities with which you are associated (i.e., the William Greer Foundation, L.L.C.) are permitted to possess non-human primates in the State of Louisiana. Further, you do not possess a research facility license issued by the USDA under United States Code title 7, chapter 54, §2132(e), nor do you meet the other exemptions referenced above.

As such, the possession of non-human primates at the proposed facility would be a violation of LA. R.S. 56:6(31), R.S. 56:115, R.S. 56:171, and R.S. 56:1904(F) and the rules promulgated thereunder (L.A.C. Ch. 76:V.1. §115). Under penalty of law, LDWF strongly urges you to cease your proposed activities involving the possession and housing of non-human primates at the facility mentioned herein.

You may contact LDWF Wildlife Biologist, Office of Wildlife Permits Coordinator, Melissa Collins at (985) 543-4777 for further assistance.

Sincerely,

  
For. Jack Montouret  
Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> E.g., accredited zoos, recognized research facilities, transporters (24 hour transit time), permitted circuses, and colleges or universities.