



Animal and Plant  
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Registration No. : 13-R-0001  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Your June 28, 2022, appeal of the citation on the USDA inspection report dated June 9, 2022 was thoroughly reviewed by an Animal Care appeal panel consisting of two Supervisory Animal Care Specialists, an Assistant Director, and me. The appeal is addressed below:

The critical noncompliance cited under Section 2.38(f)(1) will remain on the inspection report as written. Supporting documents confirm the following:

- The sheep death was caused by hypoventilation and resulted from ventilator failure.
- Although ventilator issues were observed at the start of the procedure, the procedure continued without correction.

All decisions made by the appeal panel are final and represent Animal Care's final determination for this appeal.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Gibbens, DVM  
Director, Animal Welfare Operations  
USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

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