CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES, INC.

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HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

Sec. 2.36 Miscellaneous. (f) Handling. (1) Handling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

On April 06, 2009, one non human primate went through a cage washer and did not survive. At least three times, people were to look into the cages to make sure there were no animals present. Two of those times, the personnel signed off that there were no animals present (Cage change out record: Verification that animals were not present in racks taken to cage wash. Post Sanitization Animal Checks: this second sign off is to indicate that all animals were present and uninjured after change-out was completed.) The cage wash personnel were to check for animals before precleaning and before putting into the cage washer. The mishandling of the animal (when animal went through the cage washing process) resulted in it's death. The staff did not thoroughly look for animals before having the cages washed. Looking for, and removing any animals is important for the health and safety of all animals.

Additional training and procedures have been put in place since the incident to ensure that this does not reoccur.

This was a Focused Inspection.

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