2.31 (c) (3)

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

Section 2.31(c)(3) IACUC: The IACUC may determine the best means of conducting evaluations of the research facility's programs and facilities; and Provided, further, That no Committee member wishing to participate in any evaluation conducted under this subpart may be excluded. The IACUC may use subcommittees composed of at least two Committee members and may invite ad hoc consultants to assist in conducting the evaluations, however, the IACUC remains responsible for the evaluations and reports as required by the Act and regulations.

Subcommittees with only one IACUC member were used during the December 2011 IACUC facility inspection. The subcommittees must be composed of at least two Committee members to comply with the animal welfare regulations. Correct from this day forward.

2.31 (c) (7)

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

Section 2.31(c)(7) IACUC: The IACUC shall review and approve, require modifications in, or withhold approval of proposed significant changes regarding the care and use of animals in ongoing activities.

During a review of records for animals used for training, six guinea pigs were bled from the same eye within two days under animal activity proposal l000044. The proposal specified at least seven days between bleeds. Nine guinea pigs were bled from the eyes with no indication that proparacaine ophthalmic solution was administered as stated in proposal l000044. These deviations are considered significant changes in the proposal and require prior IACUC review and approval. Principal investigators must follow their IACUC approved proposals or submit proposed significant changes to the IACUC for approval before conducting the animal activity. Correct from this day forward.

An exit briefing was conducted with the facility representatives.