



## Inspection Report

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YERKES REGIONAL PRIMATE RESEARCH CENTER

WOODRUFF HLTH SCIENCES CTR, 1440 CLIFTON RD NE

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ATLANTA, GA 30322

### 2.38 (f) DIRECT NCI 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 1st, 2010 an incident occurred at the facility which had the potential to have a serious impact on the health and well being of 3 of the primates. The incident involved a cage where the 3 primates were housed that was mistakenly placed in a cage washer. The mistake was discovered before the washer could cycle and the animals were not harmed. Official reports were made to all relevant personnel. The facility did reevaluate and adopted new procedures to aid in preventing recurrence of this incident, where in this instance, the previous procedures were compromised by the individuals involved and led to the April 1st incident. It is incumbent upon the facility to ensure that all procedures are adequately and properly followed at all times. Especially in instances where the animals health and well being is concerned. Safety and preventative measures should be followed as unerringly as possible and it is the ultimate responsibility of the facility to ensure that this the policy of all those in the employ of the facility. Given that corrective measures have already been implemented, the facility needs to ensure that this is policy to be followed from this time forward.

### 3.75 (c) (2) HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.

(c) (2) Surfaces-Maintenance and replacement of surfaces.

All surfaces must be maintained on a regular basis. Surfaces of housing facilities--including houses, dens, and other furniture-type fixtures and objects within the facility--that cannot be readily cleaned and sanitized, must be replaced when worn or soiled.

\*\*\*In the Great Ape wing Section C of the facility it was noted upon inspection that some of the air duct vent covers were covered in excessive rust. These ducts are located directly above the cages of the inside section of the animal housing areas of this wing. These covers being part of the housing surface should be maintained so that they are able to be properly sanitized and cleaned along with the rest of the animal housing surfaces. Surfaces that are

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excessively rusty are not able to be adequately cleaned and sanitized and may act to harbor disease entities that may create negative health issues for the animals. These vent covers should be replaced to correct this noncompliance.

Correct by 6/7/2010

Also in the X-ray room and hallway of the Primate Operating Room of the Small Primate Wing as well as the clean side of the cage wash area of the Neuroscience building there is evidence of leakage from the ceilings. The leakage in the Neuroscience building has compromised the ceiling and there is split approximately 5 to 8 inches in length. According to the personnel in the neuroscience building there was an initial reporting of the compromised ceiling on 4/23/2010. Measures were initially implemented to address the leak however, they proved unsuccessful. The split in the neuroscience building clean cage wash area can act as an area for harboring insect vermin and pests thereby compromising the purpose and use of the room. Given the high usage of these areas and the fact that some these areas are used for animal procedures and given the length of time of the initial reporting an unacceptable amount of time to correct this area has passed. These areas need to be corrected immediately.

Correct immediately

### 3.84 (d)

#### CLEANING, SANITIZATION, HOUSEKEEPING, AND PEST CONTROL.

(d) Pest control. An effective program for control of insects, external parasites affecting nonhuman primates, that are pests, must be established and maintained so as to promote the health and well-being of the animals and reduce contamination by pests in animal areas.

\*\*\*In the small primate wing nursery, there were live insect vermin noted along the left wall. This area houses animals that are extremely susceptible to harmful disease entities. Insect vermin are known to harbor and transmit harmful diseases and pose a disease hazard to animals. Increased pest control measures should be implemented in this area to reduce and/or eliminate this hazard.

Correct by 5/31/2010

\*\*\*Note this is an amended report #180101505010672 replacing report #140100015430337 for the following:

A) Section 2.38(f) Handling: clarification of incident

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