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October 26, 2009

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3029-01 [OLAW Case O]

University of Louisiana at Lafayette
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Dear

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges the receipt of your letter dated October 1, 2009 and accompanying information responding to our request for an update regarding specific information (items 1, 2, 3, and 12) in your July 24, 2009 letter to OLAW. According to the additional information provided, OLAW understands that:

- 1) The percentage of animals requiring long-range injection is 39.5%. The final version of SOP C-48-02 has been approved by the IACUC and 47 people have been certified or recertified in long-range injection techniques and will be recertified annually.
- 2) Currently 13.1% of the monkeys are <5 years and single-housed, a decrease of 5.4% from the previous report. This 5.4% represents approximately 400 animals. Also, 178 socialization cages were ordered and received over the summer and modification of existing cages is still being considered. Two employees were hired as Behavioral Sciences staff.
- 3) The total numbers of animals that present for injection is 60.5%. In addition, a technician has been hired to assist the full time trainer in training animals to present.
- 12) The SOP for placement of the gastric tube has been modified such that PVC pipe has replaced the use of a capture pole. It is further understood that animals are acclimated to the procedure using positive reinforcement.

This Office appreciates your cooperation and the efforts of your IACUC and staff in providing the requested information. In order for this Office to fulfill our responsibilities under the PHS Policy and to further monitor your program's progress, this case will remain open. We are requesting that you provide OLAW with a copy of your next **Semiannual Program Review and Facility Inspection Report to the Institutional Official**. At that time, please also update our Office regarding items 1, 2, and 3 above including any plans to modify existing cages to be used for social housing.

Your cooperation is appreciated. If I can be of any service, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brent C. Morse". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brent" and last name "Morse" clearly distinguishable.

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