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Re: Animal Welfare Assurance  
#A3368-01

R. Timothy Mulcahy, PhD  
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Dear Dr. Mulcahy:

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your September 22, 2003 letter reporting [redacted] instances of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (Policy) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW-M).

Instance 1: Based on the information provided, this Office understands that the UW-M Animal Care and Use Committee (ACUC) suspended the animal study protocol (ASP) of a principal investigator (PI) and, as conditions for reinstatement, mandated 1) closer oversight of the study and post-experimental reviews of each experiment for six months, 2) close clinical monitoring by the veterinary staff, and 3) familiarity with the ASP by all participants. OLAW acknowledges that the funding component was notified of this suspension of this ASP. In accordance with provisions of the PHS Policy (IV.F.3.), **please provide a full explanation of the circumstances which led to the suspension and the species of animal involved.** Also, please indicate whether this suspension is the one reported by telephone on May 13 related to allegations about animal care in neuroscience studies and noted in the USDA's May 15, 2003 inspection report.

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OLAW requests a response to the item indicated above in bold by December 5, 2003. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

Stephen Potkay, VMD  
Director, Division of Compliance Oversight  
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

cc: Elizabeth Goldentyer, DVM - USDA  
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