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**NOVARTIS ANIMAL HEALTH US,
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Inspection

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Date: AUG-30-2006

**1447 140TH STREET
LARCHWOOD, IA 51241**

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WATERING.

Unless food supplements consumed by guinea pigs or hamsters supply them with their normal water requirements, potable water shall be provided...

Automatic waterlines (PVC pipes with clear plastic hoses) attached to animal caging was noted to have a heavy buildup of black mold in QC room #103. Water lines in additional QC animal rooms also had mold which could be seen in the clear plastic hoses. Mold contamination in the water supply lines and/or at the water source does not allow for the provision of "potable" drinking water for the animals. This could have an adverse effect on the health of all the animals housed in this building.

Facility must address and correct the mold problem to provide an uncontaminated water supply to all animals in the QC building.

(Correction timeline for this noncompliance: Correct by September 30, 2006)

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SANITATION.

(a)Cleaning and sanitation of primary enclosures. (1) Primary enclosures shall be cleaned and sanitized often enough to prevent an accumulation of excreta or debris: Provided, however, That such enclosures shall be sanitized at least once every 2 weeks...

QC Building:

There were was no written documentation available to substantiate that all hamster, guinea pig, and rabbit cages are being sanitized on a regular schedule. Facility must implement a tracking system as part of their record keeping to ensure that all animal caging is properly sanitized at least every 2 weeks.

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(4) Primary enclosures for guinea pigs or hamsters shall be sanitized by washing them with hot water (180 deg. F) and soap or detergent as in a mechanical cage washer, or by washing all soiled surfaces with a detergent solution followed by a safe and effective disinfectant, or by cleaning all soiled surfaces with live steam...

Facility is using hot water as part of the sanitization/cleaning regimen for all the animal caging in the QC and RD buildings. There is not an accurate monitoring/record keeping process in place to assure that the water used has reached 180 degrees F.

Accurate temperature monitors should be put into use and daily written records should be kept to assure that the water temperature meets minimum requirements.

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