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Dr. Goldentyer,

I am writing to you today to file an Official Complaint against the University of Akron, (31-R-0121), and to insist that serious punitive action be taken against this facility for a recent violation of the Animal Welfare Act.

A November 29, 2012 USDA report cites UA staff for the death of several voles after the animals were not observed daily, and several of the animals were denied access to water, dying of dehydration.

It is clear that the staff of this lab, according to the inspection report of the USDA is negligent and incompetent. No one bothered to check on these animals for five days. Therefore, we believe that this facility should also be cited for an additional violation of section 2.32 Personnel Qualifications.

I know that your office considers major violations of the Animal Welfare Act to be very serious in nature, especially when these violations take the lives of animals. The treatment of animals at this facility illustrates attitudes of carelessness and negligence that must be punished so that meaningful changes can be made. Therefore, I also insist that you take the most severe action allowable under the Animal Welfare Act and immediately begin the process of issuing a fine against the University of Akron.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future about the fate of this facility.

Sincerely,

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