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## **Bristol Myers NJ Lab Boils Monkey Alive in Cage Washer; Watchdog Group calls for Federal Fine**

**PRINCETON/TRENTON, NJ** – Bristol Myers Squibb, headquartered in Princeton (NJ), recently killed a monkey through negligence during cage sterilization, literally boiling the animal alive.

Recently obtained federal reports reveal that the Bristol Myers facility in Pennington (NJ) boiled a monkey alive in a cage washer. According to a USDA inspection report dated 8-3-11 a monkey was found dead inside the cage washing apparatus, which sterilizes cages with hot water. While the actual report does not specify the species of the animal which was killed, a USDA spokesperson has now confirmed that the animal was a crab-eating macaque monkey.

Research Watchdog Organization, SAEN (Stop Animal Exploitation Now), has filed an official complaint with the USDA to demand additional citations and punitive action. The complaint insists on a federal fine for the horrific death of this animal.

“Horrible acts of negligence like this, which literally boiled a monkey alive, must be severely penalized,” said Michael A. Budkie, A.H.T., Executive Director, SAEN. “If a private individual killed an animal with this much cruelty, they would go to jail.”

SAEN has contacted the Eastern Regional Office of USDA/APHIS/AC to demand that a fine be issued against Bristol Myers.

Bristol Myers is the second New Jersey based lab to kill an animal this way. One of the locations of the Covance Corporation (also headquartered in NJ) killed a rabbit this way within a month of the Bristol Myers incident. According to a USDA inspection report dated 7-21-11 the Covance facility in Denver (PA) boiled a rabbit alive in a cage washer.

SAEN has sought a similar fine against Covance.

The USDA inspection report is available upon request from SAEN.