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Group seeks \$100,000 Federal Fine for OHSU Federal Complaint targets 10 primate deaths;

PORTLAND, OR – Sensitive federal records that reveal 10 shocking primate deaths, and dozens of others injured or debilitated at the Oregon Health and Sciences University are being made public by a national research watchdog organization this week.

The Oregon Health and Sciences University lab should be heavily fined - \$100,000, said SAEN, a national research watchdog organization, which uncovered the death & negligence, has filed a federal complaint with the USDA, which oversees research laboratories.

SAEN said the records reveal that 6 primates died and 21 were injured in fights caused by exposure to construction noise. 2 juvenile monkeys died while being captured for health checks, another primate died of a cervical fracture which occurred during transportation for treatment. An additional primate died and 147 lost significant weight when the lab used food which had been recalled.

SAEN has called for a USDA investigation, citations for multiple incidents of improper animal handling, inadequate veterinary care, and improper feeding. Collectively these infractions, if applied to all animals, could result in a fine in excess of \$100,000.

The USDA has previously fined the OHSU \$11,679 for animal deaths.

“The Oregon Health and Science University has again demonstrated a clear pattern of incompetence that has killed multiple primates animal and potentially caused severe suffering to others,” said Michael A. Budkie, A.H.T., Executive Director, SAEN. “This incompetent lab deserves the maximum penalty allowable under the law.”

The USDA report and SAEN's Official Complaints are available upon request from SAEN.