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3.80 (a)(2)(iii) DIRECT NCI

PRIMARY ENCLOSURES.

Section 3.80 (a) (2) (iii) states - "Primary enclosures must be constructed and maintained so that they: (iii) Contain the nonhuman primates securely and prevent accidental opening of the enclosure, including opening by the animal."

1. Personnel discovered NHP "R" was loose inside its housing room on 4/25/12; the NHP went back into its enclosure when staff entered the room. While NHP "R" was loose in the room, it injured NHP #66-10 who was in another primary enclosure. Veterinary staff were immediately contacted and as of today’s inspection NHP #66-10 is responding well to treatment. An IACUC investigation determined that NHP "R" escaped from its primary enclosure because laboratory staff had not properly secured the latching mechanism on the enclosure.

Per this Section of the Regulations, primary enclosures must securely contain the nonhuman primates and prevent accidental opening of the enclosure by the animal.

In response to this incident, the Registrant provided additional training to facility personnel and implemented new procedures as corrective actions to prevent any future incidents.

NOTE - The incident documented in this inspection report was reported to the USDA by the research facility. This was a focused inspection conducted by VMOs Paula Gladue and Tonya Hadjis with an exit briefing held 5/16/12 at Site 001 with facility representatives.

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