REPORTS TO THE INSTITUTIONAL OFFICIAL

The IACUC must prepare and submit reports of its program review and facility inspection to the Institutional Official. [2.31(c)(3)]

Program Review Report

The Program Review Report must: [2.31(c)(3)]

- describe how and to what extent the research facility meets the AWA regulations and standards (title 9, chapter I, subchapter A - Animal Welfare)
- describe in detail any departure from the AWA regulations and standards and include:
 - the reason for the departure
 - a classification of the departure as a significant deficiency or a minor deficiency. Note: A significant deficiency is one which is or may be a threat to the health or safety of the animal.
 - a reasonable and specific plan for correcting the deficiency
 - a schedule with dates for correcting the deficiency
- identify any IACUC-approved exemptions and variances and include:
 - a description of the exemption/variance, and
 - reason for the exemption/variance
- describe any recommendations to the Institutional Official regarding any aspect of the research facility's:
 - animal program
 - personnel
- include any minority views
- be reviewed and signed by a majority of the IACUC members

An updated Program Review Report must be submitted to the Institutional Official at least once every 6 months. [2.31(c)(3)] NOTE: This report may be submitted separately or in combination with the Facility Inspection Report.

Facility Inspection Report

The Facility Inspection Report must: [2.31(c)(3)]

- describe how and to what extent the research facility meets the AWA regulations and standards (title 9, chapter I, subchapter A - Animal Welfare)
- describe in detail any departure from the AWA regulations and standards and include:
 - the reason for the departure
 - a classification of the departure as a significant deficiency or a minor deficiency. Note: A significant deficiency is one which is or may be a threat to the health or safety of the animal.
 - a reasonable and specific plan for correcting the deficiency
 - a schedule with dates for correcting the deficiency
- describe any recommendations to the Institutional
 Official regarding the animal facilities
- include any minority views
- be reviewed and signed by a majority of the IACUC members

An updated Facility Inspection Report must be submitted to the Institutional Official at least once every 6 months. [2.31(c)(3)] NOTE: This report may be submitted separately or in combination with the Program Review Report.

Uncorrected Significant Deficiency

If a significant deficiency remains uncorrected due to failure to adhere to the correction plan or date, the IACUC, through the Institution Official, must: [2.31(c)(3)]

- prepare a written report describing:
 - the uncorrected deficiency
 - the reason why the deficiency was not corrected
 - the research facility's plan of action
- send the written report:
 - within 15 business days of the correction date
 - to the appropriate Animal Care Regional Office and any Federal agencies funding this activity