## INACTIVE RESEARCH FACILITY INSPECTION

A research facility officially designated as "inactive" should be inspected.

## Criteria

A research facility may request to be placed in an inactive status if the research facility has: [2.30(c)(2)]

- not used, handled, or transported regulated animals for a period of at least 2 years, and
- made a written request to the Regional Director for the State in which it is registered

An inactive research facility must: [2.30(c)(2)]

- file an annual report of its status
- notify the appropriate Regional Director, in writing, at least 10 days prior to using, handling, or transporting regulated animals again

## **Inspection Frequency**

An inactive research facility should be inspected once per year.

However, if you are **unable** to inspect an inactive research facility due to lack of time or other constraints, you should discuss this with your SACS.

## Inspection Procedures

You, the inspector, should:

- physically inspect the research facility, and
- complete an inspection report

If there are no covered species present and no covered research being conducted at the research facility at the time of your inspection, you should:

- document on the inspection report "No regulated activities"
- encourage the research facility to cancel its registration
- make sure that the research facility has an IACUC in place
  NOTE: The IACUC is not required to meet nor perform the semi-annual animal facility and program reviews.
- remind the research facility that it must notify the

appropriate Regional Director, in writing, at least 10 days prior to using, handling, or transporting regulated animals again

If there are covered species present but are not being used for a covered activity at the time of your inspection, you should:

- document on the inspection report "No regulated activities"
- make sure that the research facility has an IACUC in place
- ascertain that the IACUC has reviewed the use of the covered species and determined that the use of the animals is exempt from coverage
- remind the research facility that it must notify the appropriate Regional Director, in writing, at least 10 days prior to using, handling, or transporting regulated animals again for covered purposes

Examples of covered animals being used for a non-covered activity include, but are not limited to:

- agricultural animals used for developing antibodies for agricultural animals
- breeding trials in sheep
- pigs on food conversion studies for pig feed