Policy on Site Inspections

This document establishes the IACUC policy regarding site inspection requirements for all animal facilities and use locations at the University of Kentucky (UK). To satisfy PHS policy, the Animal Welfare Act Regulations and UK policies, semiannual inspections will be conducted for all animal facilities, satellite facilities, study areas and areas in which surgical manipulations are performed. All other animal use locations will be inspected at least once annually. These inspections will be conducted by a subcommittee of the IACUC.

PI Requirement

The Principal Investigator (PI), facility manager, or a knowledgeable representative will be required to be present during each inspection. Lack of compliance with this requirement may cause the program to be subject to Continuing Protocol Review (CPR). Additional information on the CPR program can be found at: research.uky.edu/office-attending-veterinarian/continuing-protocol-review.

Site Inspection Procedures

All areas where USDA regulated species are housed or used must be inspected by a minimum of two IACUC members. For other areas the IACUC will employ flexibility allowed by regulatory agencies as needed to complete the required inspections (e.g. using a single committee member, enlisting ad hoc consultants, using photos, video, etc.). Regardless of how the inspection is conducted, the responsibility for the evaluation and the subsequent reporting remains with the IACUC.

Research covered by IACUC Policy 123 may be exempted from this policy in certain circumstances or have other requirements.

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