2.31  (d)  (1)  (ix)

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

(d) IACUC review of activities involving animals. (1) In order to approve proposed activities or proposed significant changes in ongoing activities, the IACUC shall conduct a review of those components of the activities related to the care and use of animals and determine that the proposed activities are in accordance with this subchapter unless acceptable justification for a departure is presented in writing.

(ix) Major operative procedures on non-rodents will be conducted only in facilities intended for that purpose which shall be operated and maintained under aseptic conditions.

An operational sink with a leaking faucet was present in a large animal surgery room used for major operative procedures on regulated species. The room was used for in-utero heart surgery on sheep. Sinks should not be located in rooms used for survival surgery because washing soiled items or placing waste material in the sink may result in aerosolization of materials and pathogens which could potentially contaminate surrounding surfaces. The sink should be removed from the room or made permanently inoperable.

Correct by February 7, 2012.

3.56  (c)

SANITATION.

Sec. 3.56 Sanitation.
(c) Housekeeping. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart. Premises shall remain free of accumulations of trash.

Rabbit hair had accumulated on a vent located in the ceiling of a rabbit room. Vents in animal rooms should be kept clean so that the animals have adequate air circulation to ensure their health and comfort.

Correct by February 7, 2012
3.125  (d)  
**FACILITIES, GENERAL.**
Sec. 3.125 Facilities, general.
(d) Waste disposal. Provision shall be made for the removal and disposal of animal and food wastes, bedding, dead animals, trash and debris. Disposal facilities shall be so provided and operated as to minimize vermin infestation, odors, and disease hazards.

A refrigerator in a room adjacent to a large animal surgery room was found to have containers of what appeared to be moldy, decaying milk. A strong, foul odor was present when the refrigerator was opened. One of the containers, a livestock nursing bottle with a nipple, was dated 9/28. Food waste should be disposed of in a timely manner to minimize vermin infestation, odors, and disease hazards.

Correct for all by February 7, 2012.

3.129  (a)  
**FEEDING.**
Sec. 3.129 Feeding.
(a) The food shall be wholesome, palatable, and free from contamination and of sufficient quantity and nutritive value to maintain all animals in good health.

A hole was present in the lid of a plastic garbage can that contained ferret food. The hole was of sufficient size to allow some insects to access the food. Additionally, there was a container of hand sanitizer sitting directly on the lid of the food container and two cans of insecticide were being stored on a shelf directly over the food container. Open bags of animal food should be stored in containers that will keep the food free from contamination. Chemicals should not be stored above animal food as they could spill or leak onto the food.

Correct by February 7, 2011.

Notes:
An exit briefing was conducted with a facility representative.
Accompanied by (b)(6) (b)(7)(c)