IACUC Policy #: 330

Policy Title: Protocol Suspension Procedures

Date Approved: 

Date Reviewed: 

Purpose:

To specify actions taken for protocol suspension.

Definitions:

AAALAC: American Association for Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care

IO: Institutional Officer

OSPA: SIU Office of Sponsored Project Administration

PHS: Public Health Service

Policy:

The IACUC may receive information indicating that work previously approved is not being conducted in accordance with PHS regulation. An IACUC ad hoc subcommittee, appointed by the IACUC chair, will investigate the complaint and report to the IACUC. IACUC will recommend actions to be taken by the researcher to remedy the situation, and will monitor the researcher’s response.

According to the Public Health Service Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals IV(C)(6), “the IACUC may suspend an activity which it previously approved if it determines that the activity is not being conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of the Animal Welfare Act, the Guide to the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, the institution’s PHS Assurance, or provisions IV(C)(1).” This can only be done after review of the matter at a convened meeting of the IACUC with a quorum of members present, and a majority vote of the quorum to suspend activity.

If the IACUC suspends an activity involving animals, the IO in consultation with the IACUC shall review the reasons for suspension, take appropriate corrective action, and report that action with a full explanation to OLAW, APHIS (for USDA-covered species), AAALAC, and the funding agency for the activity. The SIU OSPA office will be included in distribution of the report, since certain grant-funded activity may not be charged to the grant during protocol suspension.
I. References