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Dr. Goldentyer,

I am writing to you today to file an Official Complaint against the Emory University 57-R-0003. A recent USDA report reveals that the staff of Emory's Yerkes Primate Research Center recently killed a primate through negligence, and that the Yerkes Field Station site is seriously infested with both rodents and roaches, which would endanger the health of the animals.

According to the USDA report dated 7-19-12, following a procedure, a rhesus macaque monkey was returned to the wrong enclosure causing the death of this animal. Additionally, this report mentions multiple issues of rodent and roach infestation, which can pose a serious health risk for the primates at this facility.

If the staff of this facility cannot even remember which enclosure the monkeys belong in, then something is seriously wrong here. Therefore, I must insist that in addition to the current citation of improper handling, the USDA must investigate this incident further, and issue additional citations such as citations for non-compliance with section 2.32 Personnel qualifications.

I know that your office considers major violations of the Animal Welfare Act to be very serious in nature, especially when these violations take the lives of animals. The treatment of animals at this facility illustrates attitudes of carelessness and negligence that must be severely punished so that meaningful changes can be made. Therefore, I also insist that you take the most severe action allowable under the Animal Welfare Act and immediately begin the process of issuing a fine against Emory University.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future about the fate of this facility.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Budkie, A.H.T.

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Attachments: Emory University 7-19-12 Inspection Report