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**USDA Cites Mass Eye & Ear Infirmary for another animal death;  
Boston lab piled up 14 federal violations in 1.5 years; Group Calls for Federal Fine**

**BOSTON, MA** – A recently obtained federal report reveals that the Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary has again killed an animal through negligence, and has now amassed 14 violations of the federal Animal Welfare Act in under 1 1/2 years.

A 6/14/13 report reveals the death of a rabbit due to improper anesthesia. The lab is also cited for the inability to provide animal surgical records for review and improper sanitation.

The recent report follows a February 1, 2012, USDA inspection cited the lab for the negligent blood loss deaths of multiple rabbits during surgeries. This scathing five page report cited the Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary for the exsanguination deaths of multiple rabbits during brain surgeries. The damning five page report also cites the lab for violations relevant to projects which deprive primates of water, unqualified personnel, inadequate veterinary care, and social isolation of primates.

Stop Animal Exploitation Now has filed an Official Complaint against the Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary to request an additional investigation of the rabbit deaths and other violations.

“The epidemic of negligence at the Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary has taken the lives of multiple animals spread over parts of two years,” said Michael A. Budkie, A.H.T., Executive Director, SAEN. “We have called on the USDA to issue the largest fine allowable by law.”

The USDA inspection reports are available upon request.