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## **Local Lab continues to violate Federal Law after Federal Warning; Watchdog Group Files Complaint insists on Federal Fine**

**CINCINNATI, OH** – Following a previous Federal Warning by the USDA, Cimcool (Cincinnati, OH) has continued to violate the Federal Animal Welfare Act, drawing six new citations in a recent inspection. Ongoing criminal behavior by the local lab has forced a National Research Watchdog Group, SAEN (Stop Animal Exploitation NOW!), to file an Official Complaint against the lab, insisting on a Federal Fine.

In a USDA inspection dated 8/19/13, Cimcool is cited a total of six times for: inadequate veterinary care, unqualified personnel, inadequate functioning of the IACUC (Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee), and inadequate sanitation. This follows a May, 2013, inspection in which the lab piled another six infractions. The 12 infraction total places Cimcool among the most frequent Animal Welfare Act violating labs for the entire nation.

SAEN has filed an Official Complaint with the Eastern Regional Office of the USDA in Raleigh, NC, insisting on the: "most severe action allowable under the Animal Welfare Act" a federal fine, which can reach as much as \$10,000 per infraction.

Earlier this year, the facility was cited by government regulators for negligently and gruesomely killing 24 animals, said SAEN. Those early 2013 deaths made the Cincinnati laboratory No. 1 in the U.S. among research facilities for killing animals through negligence.

The animals died while being restrained and immersed in industrial fluids, said SAEN.

All inspection reports, warnings, and the letter to the USDA are available from SAEN upon request.