

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES
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TITLE:	Pest Control
SCOPE:	All Animal Program Personnel
RESPONSIBILITY:	Facility Manager, All Animal Program Personnel
PURPOSE:	To Outline the Program of Pest Control Within Animal Facilities.

I. PURPOSE

1. To establish appropriate preventative measures to preclude the introduction of vermin into animal facilities which could influence the health of research animal colonies and the integrity of research data.

II. RESPONSIBILITY

1. Facility Managers ensure facilities are maintained vermin free.
2. Facility Managers maintain records of visits requested and made by the subcontractor providing the services of pest control.

III. PROCEDURES

1. Vermin control is overseen by Facility Managers.
2. Facility Managers or their designee should accompany and direct all pest control applications.
3. Application of microencapsulated chlorpyrifos or other identified pesticide compounds in corridors, and in designated animal housing or use rooms is at the discretion of the manager, as need dictates, and with prior approval of the investigative staff.
4. **Floor drains are flushed daily, and treated with bleach at least monthly**, at the discretion of the Facility Manager when problems are identified.
5. All research staff are notified of our program of vermin control and may exempt rooms housing animals used in their studies, if such applications are considered potentially complicating to the interpretation of data or results, by contacting the Facility Manager.

Approved:

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