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Semi-Annual Facility Evaluations: This Week and Next Week

The semi-annual evaluations of all the University's animal facilities will occur from **April 1 through April 14, 2015**. This process involves an examination of all areas where animals are used or housed for teaching, research, and/or testing.

A complete schedule is attached to this newsletter. Unfortunately, the IACUC will be unable to provide specific times within each evaluation window for individual laboratories. Checklists to help you prepare are available on the "Documents, Materials, and Forms" page of the IACUC website.

Requirements for Cage Identification - Reminder

As per the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* (2011):

Identification cards should include the source of the animal, the strain or stock, names and contact information for responsible investigator(s), pertinent dates, and protocol number when applicable (p. 75)

At a minimum, cage cards must contain the protocol number and investigator name. The information on the cards must be kept current. If animals are transferred to another protocol or if the protocol expires and is replaced by a new one, the number on the card must be changed to reflect the new protocol number. When the third-year resubmission of a protocol is approved, the old number is considered expired, and all cage cards must be updated with the new protocol number.

For more information on current requirements for cage identification, please refer to the ARC guidance document "Cage Identification Requirements" on the ARC website:

<http://www.utexas.edu/research/arc/misc/guidelines.htm>

Please contact the Office of Research Support with any questions, comments, or concerns.
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World Week for Animals in Laboratories (WWAIL)

This year's World Week for Animals in Laboratories (WWAIL)/World Laboratory Animal Liberation Week is being observed from April 18-26. No specific details about planned campus activities have been announced, but it is expected that student organizations (or off-campus anti-research organizations invited to campus by the student groups) will protest at the Mall and possibly along the Dean Keeton / Speedway / ARC route.

There may be media inquiries during this time. As always, media relations personnel in the University Communications office (512-471-3151) can help you verify the authenticity of the reporter's claims regarding representation before you engage with the caller. The Media Relations group can also assist you with preparing for interviews. Media experts strongly recommend that laboratories using animals prepare and keep on hand brief statements regarding the benefit to human and animal health of their ongoing experimental studies. Contact the Public Affairs Representative for your College/School/Unit (available at): <http://www.utexas.edu/opa/media/contacts.php>

If you have questions, you can contact Glen Otto, Director, Animal Resources Center, at 471-2392 or, for media issues, Gary Susswein, Director of Media Relations at 471-4945 or susswein@austin.utexas.edu.

The University of Texas Police Department (UTPD) is responsible for responding to any concerns about personal safety, property damage, or possible illegal activities during this time. DIAL 911 OR (512) 471-4441 TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OR CONCERN TO UTPD

The next IACUC Full Committee Review (FCR) is **May 4, 2015**.

The submission deadline for review at this FCR is **April 10, 2015**.

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TO: **All Principal Investigators and Laboratory Personnel**
FROM: **Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)**
DATE: **March 23, 2015**
SUBJECT: **Notice of Spring Semi-Annual Animal Facility Evaluations**

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) will conduct the fall facility evaluations from **April 1, 2015 through April 14, 2015**. This process involves an examination of all areas where animals are used and housed for research, teaching, and/or testing. The [Laboratory Self-Evaluation Checklists](#) should be used to facilitate your laboratory preparation for the facility evaluations and is a good resource to keep your laboratory in tip-top shape.

Please post the name(s) and best contact method (e.g., lab phone, cell phone, etc.) of a knowledgeable person that will be present and able to answer questions during the laboratory visits.

Spring Semi-Annual Facility Evaluation Schedule

(dates and times subject to change)

Wednesday, April 1, 2015 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. NHB (vivarium, labs, imaging center)	Wednesday, April 8, 2015 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC Floor 2, 3
Wednesday, April 1, 2015 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. MBB, NMS, PHR	Wednesday, April 8, 2015 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. PRC
Thursday, April 2, 2015 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. PAT Basement, Floor 1, 2, 3	Thursday, April 9, 2015 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. MSI
Thursday, April 2, 2015 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. BEL, PAT Floor 4, 5, 6	Monday, April 13, 2015 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC General Facilities, Floor 1
Monday, April 6, 2015 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC Annex, vehicle(s)	Monday, April 13, 2015 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. DPRI
Tuesday, April 7, 2015 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. BME, PAI, SEA, WEL	Tuesday, April 14, 2015 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. BFL

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