

**University of Texas at Austin**

**Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee**

**IACUC Policy # 10.3**

Title	Exception to IACUC Requirements in Emergency Situations		
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The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) will continue to oversee the applicable use of animals in research, teaching, and testing activities during emergency or disaster situations. UT Austin IACUC policies, procedures, and guidelines require practices that meet or exceed standard or best practices in the animal research field and they must be adhered to under normal circumstances. However, in emergency situations, the IACUC has authorized the following groups to provide exception to IACUC policies, procedures, and guidelines if the requirements are impossible to meet due to extenuating circumstances: IACUC Chair, Vice Chair, Attending Veterinarian, Clinical Veterinarian, Institutional Official, Office of Research Support and Compliance staff, or Animal Resources Center senior staff, in consultation with Environmental Health and Safety, Facilities Operations & Maintenance, or UT Police Department (as appropriate). Before such action is taken, all effort will be made to inform the IACUC Chair and, if possible, the IACUC. All such actions will be reported to the IACUC at the next convened meeting. The exemption granted in emergency situations is temporary and normal operations will resume as soon as the extenuating circumstances are resolved.