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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Faculty and Staff involved in Animal Care at NC State

VIA: Academic Deans and Associate Dean's for Research and Graduate Studies

FROM: 

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Associate Vice Chancellor and Director

DATE: January 31, 2002

RE: Occupational Health and Safety Requirements [in] IACUC Applications

Effective March 1, 2002, Application for Veterinary Animal Use (VAU) approval will require enrollment of all personnel in the Occupational Health and Safety Program (OHSP). The institution maintains a specific policy for OHSP specific to those individuals which can be reviewed in its entirety at the following URL:
<http://www.ncsu.edu/ehs/www99/right/handsMan/animal/forms/AnimalContact.pdf>

The aforementioned policy is supported by federal and non-federal regulation and discussion of best practices as follows:

- *Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* that codifies the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* (National Research Council, 1996)
- *Occupational Health and Safety in the Care and Use of Research Animals* (National Research Council, 1997)
- *Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories*, 4th ed. (US Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Institutes of Health, 1999)
- Code of Federal Regulations, Title 10, Part 20 and Title 29, Part 1910

The Environmental Health and Safety Office manages the OHSP program and makes available to the Animal Care and Use Office a list of those individuals who have completed the program. Additionally, in every VAU, primary investigators sign an assurance stating, in part: ***“That personnel with animal or animal tissue contact [have participated] in the Occupational Health and Safety Program;”***

Your immediate attention to this matter is greatly appreciated and shall serve to ensure NC State’s continued compliance with external regulation, institutional policy and sound and just practices in science. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Judy Lassiter, Regulatory Administrator, at judith_lassiter@ncsu.edu or Paula DeLong, Compliance Coordinator, at paula_delong@ncsu.edu