MANAGEMENT OF ANIMALS FROM EXPIRED ANIMAL USE FORMS (AUF)

All animals intended for use in research, testing, and teaching or for related purposes at MSU are to be housed under an active and approved AUF or farm SOP.

Occasionally, situations occur where AUFs become inactive (e.g., AUF approval expires, AUF is suspended), but animals remain in the vivarium or farms. No research, teaching, or testing activities can be conducted under an expired or suspended AUF. In order to avoid noncompliance of federal and institutional expectations, when AUFs become inactive, the IACUC allows Campus Animal Resources (CAR) to transfer biomedical animals to the CAR holding AUF; agricultural animals will be maintained on the appropriate Farm’s SOP. Investigators are required to take the necessary actions to gain re-approval of their animal use protocol within 60 days of the date the AUF became inactive, in order to avoid forfeiture of their animals. In those instances where a new AUF has not been approved within the 60 days, the IACUC will determine a course of action at their next scheduled meeting; the PI will be notified of this action.

The IACUC will consider other circumstances for the housing of animals on the holding protocol on a case-by-case basis. Requests to use the holding AUF must be reviewed by CAR and routed to the IACUC for approval. For more information, please contact a CAR veterinarian.

Conditions for the Holding AUF:

The IACUC notifies the PI on the protocol and the corresponding department chair (by e-mail) when an AUF has expired and the animals are to be transferred to the holding AUF. Any research use of animals housed under the CAR holding AUF will be treated as serious regulatory non-compliance. Agricultural animals housed under the farm SOP may be used for research, teaching or testing if covered on another approved AUF.

While animals are housed on the CAR holding AUF the following conditions apply:

- **Housing Only**: The use of the CAR holding AUF is limited to animal housing. (No experimental manipulations or breeding are allowed.)
- **Labeling**: A holding AUF sign or cagecard is posted on the rack/cage and/or housing door.
- **Per Diem Charges**: Per diem charges for animals on the holding AUF are the responsibility of the investigator and their department.
- **Animal Welfare**: CAR personnel will assume responsibility for the animals and will arrange for routine husbandry and veterinary care as needed. Medical treatment and/or euthanasia will be performed by, and at the discretion of, CAR. Farm animals will continue to be maintained per the SOP expectations of veterinary care.
- **Removal of Animals from Holding AUF**: When a new AUF has been approved, the PI should contact CAR to transfer animals from the holding AUF to the approved AUF.