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Dear Dr. Peterson,


Thank you for submitting the IACUC's most recent Semiannual Report to the IO as requested in the conditional approval letter dated March 1, 2009. I have reviewed and accepted the report. It is my pleasure to inform you that your institution's Animal Welfare Assurance, number A3597-01, is now **fully approved**. **The approval date and the expiration date remain unchanged, March 1, 2009 and February 28, 2013, respectively.**

Please note that as long as your institution maintains a Non-AAALAC Accredited (Category 2) Status, the PHS Policy requires a copy of the most recent Semiannual Report to the IO to be submitted upon renewal of the Assurance. The PHS Policy requires IACUC's at assured institutes to conduct Semiannual Program Evaluations and Facility Inspections every six months and to prepare a Semiannual Report to the IO which summarizes the IACUC's evaluations and inspections. The PHS Policy also requires assured institutes to submit an Annual Report to OLAW each year. Institute's must include in the Annual Report the dates that the IACUC conducted the semiannual program evaluations and facility inspections. The reporting period (unless requested otherwise in writing) is the calendar year. Reports, for the previous calendar year, are due by January 31. Therefore your Annual Report for 2009 will be due to OLAW by January 31, 2010.

Thank you for your cooperation in submitting an Assurance in compliance with the PHS Policy. The Assurance is a key document in defining the relationship of your Institution to the PHS. It sets forth the responsibilities and procedures of your Institution regarding the care and use of laboratory animals.

If I may be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


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cc:

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IACUC Chair