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Reference Assurance #A3208-01

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Dear Dr. Fenwick:

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) has reviewed and approved the renewal of your Animal Welfare Assurance (Assurance) which was submitted in compliance with the Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (Policy) revised August 2002.

Your Assurance renewal bearing the identification number A3208-01 became effective on March 1, 2006. This Assurance supersedes all previously issued Assurances. The approval period is for four years, and will expire on March 31, 2010. Please be sure to reference your Assurance number in all correspondence to this Office.

The Assurance is a key document in defining the relationship of your Institution to the PHS since it sets forth the responsibilities and procedures of your Institution regarding the care and use of laboratory animals. Among the important elements of the Assurance, I would especially call your attention to the reporting requirements which are essential for continued compliance with the PHS Policy.

Please note that an Annual Report to OLAW is required at least once every 12 months. The reporting period, unless requested otherwise in writing, is the calendar year. Reports, for the previous calendar year, are due **January 31<sup>st</sup>**. Therefore, your Annual Report for 2006 will be due to OLAW by January 31, 2007.

A copy of the approved Assurance signature page is enclosed. If I may be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Eileen Morgan  
Senior Assurance Officer  
Division of Assurances, OLAW

Enclosure

cc:

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