

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Facility Inspection Policy

In compliance with 9 CFR 2.31 (c) (2), the IACUC will inspect at least once every six months, all research, animal facilities, including animal study areas.

Additionally, in compliance with 9CFR 2.31 (c)(6), the IACUC will assure appropriate living conditions that contribute to the health and comfort of the animals by inspecting, prior to housing animals, all new facilities or facilities that have undergone renovation that involved construction of walls, addition of permanent electrical fixtures or major changes in plumbing or HVAC systems.

Persons planning to house animals in renovated or newly constructed animal facilities should contact the IACUC Chair to determine if the facility requires inspection prior to housing animals. Please allow 2 weeks for the inspection to occur.

Any facility that has not housed animals for 6 months or longer will require inspection by the IACUC prior to housing animals.

Following the initial inspection, the facility will be included in the semiannual fall and spring inspections.

Facilities housing animals seasonally or periodically (i.e. clinics and surgery suites) will be inspected during the semiannual fall and spring inspections, even if animals are not present. Notations of deficiencies will be provided to allow repair and modifications to be made prior to moving animals into the facility.