

# IACUC NEWS

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1. **AAALAC** – Representatives from AAALAC visited UCSB on May 15-16 to review our Animal Care and Use Program and our facilities. We will learn the outcome after the AAALAC Council meets this fall. Many thanks to everyone who participated in the preparations for the site visit and the visit itself.
2. **Field Permits** – Principal Investigators are responsible for ensuring that they obtain proper authorization from the necessary permitting agencies prior to beginning field work. The permitting process can take a significant amount of time so it is recommended that researchers apply for their permits well in advance of their intended start date. The IACUC Office requests copies of permits for our records.  
(<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Notices/Regulations/SCP>)
3. **Disposal of Controlled Substances** – Principal Investigators that utilize the Animal Resource Center (ARC) have the option of on-site destruction of controlled substances as a means of disposal. Please contact the ARC Director, [Manny Garcia](#), for more details. The EH&S Controlled Substances Policy can be viewed [here](#).
4. **IACUC Forms and Guidelines** – The IACUC frequently introduces updates into its various forms and Guidelines. Before investing the time and effort to fill out a form or read a Guideline, please be sure you are using the current version. The most recent [Forms](#) and [Guidelines](#) are available on the [IACUC website](#).
  - There have been recent updates/revisions to the following forms: [IACUC Application for Vertebrate Animal Use](#) and the [Researcher Training Checklist](#).
  - Additionally, there have been recent revisions to the following 2 Guidelines, including a significant animal procedural change in the Euthanasia Guideline.
  - [Euthanasia of Animals](#) – This guideline has been revised to include new procedures for the proper disposal of animals that have been euthanized, outside of the ARC, with MS-222.
  - [Aseptic Rodent Surgery and Post-operative Care](#) – There have been changes to a few areas in this Guideline. The expectations of recordkeeping by personnel during surgeries has been updated. It has also been clarified that personnel performing surgical procedures (survival & non-survival) should contact the veterinarian for advice on technique and procedure if the surgeon notices a pattern of poor surgical outcomes or complications during surgery. Additionally, the use of wound clips has been addressed.
5. **MS-222** – Please remember that (i) the powder form of MS-222 is a hazardous chemical; therefore, both handling this chemical and preparing a solution must be done in a chemical fume hood while using proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and (ii) only pharmaceutical grade materials may be used (even for euthanasia) unless a scientific justification for a non-pharmaceutical grade material has been approved by the IACUC.
6. **New Personnel** – All researchers must receive a 'Researcher Clearance' email from the IACUC Coordinator before they can begin working with animals.

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<https://www.research.ucsb.edu/compliance/animal-subjects/resources/ucsb-iacucnewsletter>