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Date: August 29, 2008

Reference: Animal Welfare Assurance #**A3452-01**
Approval Letter

Dr. Anne Blackhurst
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Institutional Official
Minnesota State University, Mankato
Alumni Foundation Building 115
Mankato, MN 56001

Dear Dr. Blackhurst:


I am pleased to inform you that The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) reviewed and approved the renewal of your institution's Animal Welfare Assurance (Assurance) that was submitted in compliance with the Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (Policy), as revised August 2002.

Your Assurance renewal, number **A3452-01**, became effective on **August 29, 2008** and expires on **August 31, 2012**. This Assurance supersedes all previously issued Assurances. **Please include the Assurance number in all correspondence to OLAW.** A copy of the Assurance signature page is enclosed.

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. Among the important elements of the Assurance, I would especially call your attention to the reporting requirements that are essential for continued compliance with the PHS Policy. Please note that a 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**.

Again, if you have questions or desire assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (301) 451-4208 or by email: thorntov@od.nih.gov.

Sincerely,


Venita B. Thornton, DVM, MPH
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