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1.0 OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this procedure is to describe the procedures for disposing of animal carcasses in a clean and safe manner.

2.0 SCOPE

- 2.1 This procedure applies to dead rats and mice from the MMRI animal care facility which are not radioactive.

3.0 POLICY

- 3.1 It is the policy of MMRI to establish written and approved procedures to ensure that health, safety and well being of employees is protected and each animal is accounted for on an individual basis.

4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 It is the responsibility of Manager of Animal Research or designated alternate to implement this procedure and revise it when necessary.

5.0 REFERENCES

- 5.1 SOP #ANP021, Radioactive Carcass Disposal

6.0 PROCEDURE

This procedure applies only to animals that are not radioactive. For radioactive animals, refer to the MMRI Safety Guide and SOP #ANP021.

- 6.1 Dead animal(s) should be removed as soon as possible after euthanasia or being found dead.
 - 6.1.1 Gloves must be worn by handler when removing dead bodies.
 - 6.1.2 The dead animals are placed in sealed plastic biohazard bags and labeled with the study number and date.
 - 6.1.3 The animal bags are transferred to a refrigerator until necropsy or placed immediately in a freezer and kept frozen until time of disposal.
- 6.2 Lab Support will arrange for pickup from the freezer by a licensed animal disposal service on an as needed basis. Please refer to FAP 010.

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- 6.3 All dead animals, whether euthanized at the end of study or found dead during the course of the study, must be logged on the appropriate study sheets and marked on the cage card as "euthanized" or "found dead," as appropriate. The euthanasia should be filled in on card, and "date" and initials.
- 6.4 Tissue/specimen collection or a necropsy may be performed on the animal if specified in the protocol or as needed for diagnostic purposes.
- 6.5 All receipts are routed to the Animal Care Facility to be kept on file. The disposal receipts are kept on file by MMRI Lab Support.
- 6.6 In the event of a power failure to the freezer, the freezer should not be opened so as to maintain low temperature for the longest time. If the temperature rises and animals begin to thaw, add dry ice to the freezer sufficient to maintain the appropriate temperature until disposal can be arranged or the power is restored.