

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER

POLICY STATEMENT

Notice to Users of Fish and Amphibians

All animal orders are coordinated and placed by the Laboratory Animal Facilities with the exception of fish and amphibian orders. Therefore for regulatory reporting purposes, to account for the number of animals acquired and used in this category, at the June 2007 meeting the IACUC established a requirement that any investigator who places an order directly with a supplier for fish or amphibians is required to complete and submit an Animal Order form to the Laboratory Animal Facilities main office at the time the order is placed. The animal order form is available at the following link on the Laboratory Animal Facilities website:

http://laf.umc.edu/forms/ANIMAL_ORDER_FORM.doc. Information or assistance with the animal ordering/delivery process is available by contacting the Laboratory Animal Facilities main office, ext. 4-1385.

Additionally, investigators are required at the time of the annual renewal of their protocol to verify the number of fish or amphibians that were actually received during the previous year and to account for their use or disposition. Therefore, it is suggested that investigators keep a log and/or record book to document the number of animals received.

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