



Mice without water

Not pursued as a non-compliance

What happened?

- A cage of rats were left without water overnight after pups being return to the cage after maternal separation.

Why did we have to report it?

PEL 4 (3) & (5): Animals were left without water due to a failure in our checking process by a competent person.

What did we learn?

LO-1, The PIL holder performing the reintroduction of the pups to their mother was training in the procedure. However, this step is not specifically documented in the DOP.

LO-1, The PIL holder was not trained in performing PM checks.

LO-1, There was no written protocol of steps that capture key points of the process to check the work being performed against.

What did we change?

- A checklist was created for procedures being performed involving animals to capture the key points.
- Disseminated key messages in the groups lab meeting.
- Reassessment of competency was undertaken.

SC PEL Standard Conditions

4(3)

Unless otherwise authorised by the Secretary of State an environment, housing, freedom of movement, food and water appropriate for the health and well-being of each protected animal shall be provided.

4(5)

The health and well-being of protected animals, and the environmental conditions in all parts of the establishment where animals are kept, shall be checked at least once daily by a competent person. Arrangements shall be made to ensure any defect discovered and any avoidable pain, suffering, distress or lasting harm discovered is eliminated as quickly as possible.