

Standard Operating Procedure

SOP Number: **02-18-4301**

Service: **Research**

Operating Section: **Husbandry**

Unit: **CMF**

Title: **Maintenance of the Cage Washing Area**

Purpose:



To describe the standard pattern of cleaning the cage washing area.

Procedure:

- 1) Floors of both the clean and dirty side of the cage washing area will be swept and mopped with an appropriate disinfectant (See SOP "Preparation and Use of Disinfectants") each day the machines are used. The dirty side will be cleaned at the end of the day and the log will be completed. Traffic from the dirty side to the clean side requires disinfection of footwear.
- 2) Accidental spills of bedding, cleaning solutions, etc. will be swept and mopped as discovered or reported.
- 3) All fixed surfaces within the cage washing areas, including the washers, walls, and ceilings, will be sprayed with a disinfectant and rinsed with water quarterly or more often as needed.
- 4) Trash and soiled equipment will be removed or cleaned daily.
- 5) Work carts, trash containers, and squeegees used in the cage washing area will be rinsed daily and sanitized in the rack washer weekly. Items that cannot withstand routine cycles through the cage/rack washer (e.g. brooms, garbage bins) will be soaked in appropriate disinfectant weekly per manufacturer's instructions.

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