

Standard Operating Procedure

SOP Number: **02-18-5152**
Service: **Research**
Operating Section: **Administration**
Unit: **CMF**
Title: **Response to Natural Disasters**

Purpose:

To identify key features of the Emergency Response Plan as it relates to natural disasters.

Procedure:

- 1) CMF administrative staff will periodically convene to assess the risk of inclement conditions that may affect the health and well-being of animal subjects. Such conditions include, but are not limited to, power failure, severe thunderstorm, winter storm, tornado, fire, earthquake, and drought.
- 2) In the event of an emergency situation, employees are the primary concern. Every attempt must be made to prevent distressful conditions for animals maintained within the CMF (see "Emergency Response Plan Overview").
- 3) In the event that basic care (food, potable water, relief from temperature extremes and sanitation of enclosures) cannot be provided for animal subjects within the CMF, evacuation to a suitable research animal facility may be attempted. During evacuation, rodents are to be transported in filter-topped cages; dogs and pigs may be led to evacuation vehicles on leashes or by other suitable means; other animals should be placed in appropriate transport kennels. If possible, the CMF dock exit should be used for evacuation. If evacuation is elected, and there remain some animals which cannot be easily transported due to illness or experimental condition, these animals must be euthanized.
- 4) During any natural disaster, every attempt should be made to remove the pressure regulators from gas cylinders.
- 5) Flashlights must be maintained in the CMF main office.

OFFICE USE ONLY:

APPROVALS

Responsible Official Signature		Date	
QA Signature		Date	
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