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## O. Room Sanitation

### Purpose:

All animal rooms are to be sanitized on an annual basis *or* between groups of animals as needed. This Guideline describes this process.

### Responsibility: Animal Care Technicians and Supervisor

### Procedure/Discussion:

- The schedule for room sanitation will be maintained and planned by the Supervisor. The Supervisor is responsible for notifying the investigator, in advance, when a room will be sanitized.
  - Rooms being broken down or emptied for other reasons should be sanitized immediately upon being vacated.
  - Rooms scheduled for sanitation will be emptied of all animals, cages, and supplies.
  - Cages are placed on a cart, the water bottles inverted, and covered with a rack cover and moved to the room designated for temporary holding. The rack cover must remain in place at all times the rack is out of the room of origin.
  - Cages are to be removed in such a way that they are kept in order and will be returned to their original place.
  - Clean cage supplies in the room should be placed on the dirty sparebox rack. These cages are not to be returned to the sanitized room.
  - The feed barrel will be emptied and sanitized.
- C Once emptied, rooms will be pressure sprayed with Quatricide using hand sprayers.
- C All surfaces in the room will be sprayed including the ceiling, air intake and exhaust, outside surfaces of light fixtures, walls, rails, and floor.

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- C Excess Quatracide is removed using a wet vac.
- C The floor is waxed.
- C New feed is placed in the feed barrel.
- C Room accessories such as trash cans, brooms, whisk brooms, and dust pans are cleaned with Quatricide solution.
- C Animals are returned to the room. It is essential that cages are returned to their original place/order. Water bottles are returned to their normal position.
- Rack covers and racks are to be sanitized before being re-used.
- C Record that the room was sanitized on the room door sheet.