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RE: NBR foia

Jeff, with regard to the foia here is input from my office.

Both euthanatized animals (from broken legs) were donated for meat and not subjected to necropsy. So we do not have any pathology report on those animals.

As you know, Diane Borgreen was our primary person on site. Her involvement in the mortalities was only to relate to NBR staff (Lisk specifically) that it was NBR's call as to whether the bull that was eventually euthanatized was rerun through the chute system (evidently it was injured during this second run). Diane did advise NBR may want to improve communication between tub and chute staff (which is why the bull escaped the first time). Diane did not observe anything related to either mortality. She did comment to staff that she thought overall animal handling went smoothly and the bison were very calm for the most part.

Mike Borgreen was present specifically to focus on the reproduction study. A conduit for electrical hookup to his workstation was routed up, over and down behind the squeeze chute. A young bull was stacked in behind the chute and when rearing caught his horns and nose a couple of times between that conduit and the chute. Mike recommended changes to the routing (primarily elevating the horizontal component of the conduit), and not to stack bison behind the chute. That solved the problem.

Lee Jones was involved with providing considerable pre-roundup email input on procedures for conducting roundup. Those procedures and advice should be in emails you have been copied. To what degree your operation deviated from that input I cannot say.

Hope that helps. Any further questions, let me know.

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Tom and Lee,

Not sure if either of you or the WHO office have anything that needs to be included in this FOIA but want to cover all the bases. There are 30+ requests but take a look at #21 asking about the death of 2 bison during the roundup.

Thanks and call if you have questions.

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(See attached file: PEER request 11-17-09 .pdf)