**UCSB Animal Resource Center**

**Safety and Hygiene Plan – Laboratory Animal Allergen**

**To be completed by PI or authorized staff:**

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| PI:      | Protocol #:      | Specific hazardous task:      |
| Research Personnel (RP) Contact Information:     | ***Exposure (airborne and contact) to laboratory animal allergens (urinary proteins) in the soiled bedding.***  |

Describe the likely sources of allergens:

* *Research personnel are responsible for replacing the soiled rodent bedding (woodchips) in the ventilated behavioral testing chambers.*
* *No engineering controls are used when dumping the soiled bedding from the chamber pan into a plastic-lined trash can*.
* *Each chamber only houses one animal [list species], and the soiled bedding is changed once per [list frequency]. A maximum of X chambers may be cleaned at one time, representing a maximum potential exposure time and frequency of Y hour per [list frequency].*

Describe the facility design features, equipment, and procedures employed to reduce the potential for developing Laboratory Animal Allergies (LAA):

1. Researchers must not remain in the animal housing room when the animals are inside the ventilated behavioral testing chambers.
2. Researchers must wear the following minimum PPE: lab coat, disposable gloves, and dust mist mask
3. Research personnel must be enrolled in the Occupational Health and Safety Program for animal users, and this Job Exposure Description must be reviewed by the occ-health physician who may recommend/require additional PPE or engineering controls for all researchers or specific individuals performing this task.