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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 28 PM 3:11

BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE RECEIVED

In re)	AWA Docket No. 07-0005
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SINCLAIR RESEARCH CENTER, INC.)	
(formerly known as REPRODUCTIVE)	
AND TOXICOLOGY CONSULTATION)	
AND SERVICES, INC.), a Missouri)	
domestic close corporation,)	
)	CONSENT DECISION AND
Respondent.)	ORDER

This proceeding was instituted under the Animal Welfare Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.), by a complaint filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, alleging that the respondent willfully violated the Act and the regulations and standards issued pursuant to the Act (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 et seq.). This decision is entered pursuant to the consent decision provisions of the Rules of Practice applicable to this proceeding (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

The respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations in the complaint and specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations, waives oral hearing and further procedure, and consents and agrees, for the purpose of settling this proceeding, to the entry of this decision.

The complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

Findings of Fact

1. Respondent Sinclair Research Center, Inc., formerly known as Reproductive and Toxicology Consultation and Services, Inc., is a Missouri domestic close corporation whose agent for service of process is Guy Bouchard, 562 State Route DD, Auxvasse, Missouri 65231.
2. Since August 14, 1997, and at all material times herein, respondent operated as a

dealer as that term is defined in the Act and Regulations and held Animal Welfare Act license number 43-A-2499 issued to "SINCLAIR RESEARCH CENTER INC."

3. Since February 9, 1994, and at all material times herein, respondent operated as a research facility as that term is defined in the Act and Regulations and held Animal Welfare Act registration number 43-R-0104 issued to "SINCLAIR RESEARCH CENTER."

Conclusion

The respondent having admitted the jurisdictional facts and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision, such decision will be entered.

Order

1. Respondent, its agents and employees, successors and assigns, directly or through any corporate or other device, shall cease and desist from violating the Act and the regulations and standards issued thereunder.

2. Respondent Sinclair Research Center, Inc., is assessed a civil penalty of \$33,000. The civil penalty shall be paid by certified check or money order made payable to the Treasurer of the United States, and shall be received by counsel for complainant on or before March 9, 2007, at the address as follows:

Bernadette Juarez
United States Department of Agriculture
Office of the General Counsel
Marketing Division
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Room 2343-South Building
Washington, DC 20250-1417

Respondent shall state on the certified check or money order that the payment is in reference to AWA Docket No. 07-0005.

The provisions of this order shall become effective on the first day after service of this decision on the respondent. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

SINCLAIR RESEARCH CENTER, INC.

Respondent

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by Greg [REDACTED]

its President

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Bernadette Juarez
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.
this 28 day of Feb, 2007

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Jill S. Clifton
Administrative Law Judge