1. PURPOSE

1.1 To describe method for cleaning conventional cages and watering implements.

2. RESPONSIBILITY

2.1 Only animal care staff.

3. MATERIALS

3.1 Dirty cages
3.2 Pharmacal Quadricide® (germicidal detergent and deodorant), dilution 600 ml to 1000 ml H₂O
3.3 Pharmacal Temp-Tape® 180°
3.4 Broom
3.5 Dust pan
3.6 Brush

4. PROCEDURES

4.1 Collect and place all dirty items on the rack on the dirty side of the cage washer.
4.2 Empty used bedding and food into biohazard boxes.
4.3 Place dirty items on washing rack or washing bed. Apply Temp-Tape® on rack.
4.4 Slide the rack, very carefully, into the cage washer so as to not hit the spray arms.
4.5 Make sure the rack is in the middle of the washer.
4.6 Put switch on cage wash and press alkaline cycle.
4.7 Initially, watch cycle run to make sure machine is working properly.
4.8 After cage washer has completed the cycle, the Temp-Tape® should turn black.
4.9 On the clean side, pull out cage rack and stack clean cages on storing rack.
4.10 Clean rack and floor with brush, broom and dust pan. Clean rack and floor with Quadricide®.
4.11 Close full biohazard boxes and tape closed.
4.12 Mark boxes with the appropriate waste category. Affix user and incineration labels.
4.13 Store sealed boxes in freezer for pick up.

5. RELATED SOPs

5.1 SARU SOP #6 for procedure to arrange biohazard pickup.