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To All Interested Agencies and Individuals:

Enclosed is a copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed Animal Research and Care Facility Project. This document was prepared in compliance with the requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) to provide information about the potential impacts resulting from the project.

The Final Environmental Impact Statement responds to comments submitted on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project involves construction of a below grade two story structure totaling approximately 90,000 square foot (approximately 43,000 square feet on each level, plus an additional 4,000 square feet for the expanding loading dock area). Minor above-grade development would total approximately 5,700 square feet outside of the Portage Bay Vista boundaries and would consist of an approximately 66-foot high, 4,200 –square foot utility/exhaust tower for air intake and exhaust in the northeast corner of the proposed building (adjacent to Hitchcock Hall), as well as an approximately 1,500-square foot above grade entrance pavilion to provide access to the ARCF via the below-grade access corridor. Once construction of the building is complete, the Portage Bay Vista would be replaced and landscaped. The existing view corridor created by the Portage Bay Vista would remain as part of this project.

You have received this document because you are (1) on the UW SEPA mailing list, (2) have an interest in the project, (3) submitted a comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and /or (4) are in close proximity to the project.

Sincerely,



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