This report was conducted over a two day period (October 28-29, 2008).

This inspection references three items that were previously reported to the federal government—the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare within the National Institutes of Health. The events occurred over a period of years.

The first item was in reference to a discovery of a surgical sponge in a monkey following the animal’s death. The sponge did not appear to cause any notable health problems for the animal. However, of course, the surgical error was regrettable.

The second item refers to the loss of an animal and her offspring during a study due to an infection that was not evident until an autopsy was performed. The USDA agreed with OHSU’s steps to prevent incidents like this in the future.

(Information from OHSU)
The third item refers to a laparoscopic surgery that was started on an animal...but quickly halted in the initial stages when it was determined that the animal’s cage mate should have been brought to the surgical suite instead. The incision for the animal was very small. It recovered fully and it had no health problems.

(Information from OHSU)