



Standard Administrative Policy and Procedure

Subject: Institutional Biosafety Committee

Number: UW SAP 9-3.1

I. RATIONALE

As mandated by the U.S Department of Health and Human Services, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the University of Wyoming shall appoint an Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) to ensure biological safety through prudent practices necessary to protect people and the environment from hazardous biological materials and through conformance with biological safety directives and federal and state guidelines.

II. FUNCTIONS

The IBC shall make recommendations and proposals on matters pertaining to the use of biological agents in research and teaching, including toxins, bacteria, viruses, fungi, parasites, infected or potentially infected human, animal or plant cells, recombinant DNA, infectious nucleic acids and toxin producing agents. Such matters shall include but are not limited to research, sanitation, treatment and disposal of hazardous biological materials. The IBC shall recommend such regulation as may be necessary for assuring the proper handling of biohazardous materials. The Biological Safety Specialist shall have the responsibility to provide the professional expertise needed in carrying out the charge of the IBC, and shall interpret, in consultation with the Office of General Counsel, federal and state regulations regarding biological agents for the IBC. The IBC shall meet once monthly or more frequently as needed.

III. COMPOSITION

The Vice President for Campus Operations shall oversee and appoint all members to serve on the IBC. The IBC shall be comprised of at least one representative designated by the Vice President for Research and Economic Development, one representative from each academic unit involved in research related to biological agents, and at least two qualified individuals not affiliated with the University to represent the interest of the community with respect to health and protection of the environment. The Biological Safety Specialist shall be a permanent voting member of the IBC.

Responsible Division/Unit: Campus Operations

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the National Institutes of Health

Links: <http://www.uwyo.edu/regs-policies>

Associated Regulations, Policies, and Forms: <http://www.uwyo.edu/safety/biological/>

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