

**Mount Sinai School of Medicine
Institutional Biosafety Committee**

October 18, 2007

Minutes

Present: Drs. Wetmur, Calfee, Miller, Moline, and Wetmur; Messrs Hauck and Tranchina; Ms. Sadock

- 1) **Approval of minutes** -- Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of April 26, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved.

- 2) **Emerging Pathogens Facility**
 - a. Training is complete for all CDC approved users of the Emerging Pathogens Facility.
 - b. Insurance for the EPF will be paid in advance.
 - c. Dr. Calfee will meet with Employee Health Service and ER staff before select agents are introduced to finalize procedures.
 - d. Mr. Hauck will arrange meetings with Engineering, Facilities, Emergency Department and Employee Health to set the date for formal changeover from BSL-2 use to BSL 3.
 - i. Minutes of these meeting will be filed with the IBC.
 - e. 1918 Flu and HP Avian Influenza viruses can not be worked on simultaneously in the unit as required by the CDC.
 - i. Freezer security will prevent simultaneous access to these agents.
 - f. Adequate backup coverage must be arranged in case the EPF manager is absent.
 - g. Spill reports must go to Mr. Hauck, the EPF manager and the PI. Follow/up will begin for possible infection. Reports will be made to the Dean for Research and all appropriate outside agencies.

- 3) **Biosafety Training Part 2**
 - a. All MSSM Recombinant DNA workers must be trained.
 - b. Results are to be retained on site and made available to NIH on request.
 - c. Mr. Hauck will request that the Dean for Research issue a notice announcing the training program and emphasizing the NIH requirement.
 - d. Dr. Wetmur will ask the Dean for Research to inform PIs that failure to notify the IBC of RDNA projects will result in suspension of funding through the GCO.
 - e. Dr. Morrison will be asked to present these conditions to pertinent Chairs and faculty.

- 4) **Virus fragments from Pathogenic microorganisms**

- a. Recent developments at an academic research underscore the need for PIs assess the risk of the host-vector systems using Section III, *NIH Guidelines*
- b. Handling of Risk Group 3 and 4 organisms according to Section III.D of the NIH Guidelines was discussed.
- c. The Committee resolved to draft an instruction for consideration as policy to be issued to PIs.

5) **GCO #s 05-0896, 05-0897; 06-0508**

- a. These projects were on record as approved at Biosafety level 2 on September 8, 2004; they were administratively re-approved at BSL-2.

6) **List of reported ADV and AAV projects**

- a. Discussion was tabled to the January agenda.