



13 November 2018

Dear Biosafety Permit Holder,

In accordance with the Public Health Agency of Canada's *Human Pathogens and Toxins Regulations*, the University of Saskatchewan (U of S) has obtained a blanket license, which allows controlled research activities to be conducted with all Risk Group (RG) 2 pathogens, prions, and toxins and a specific list of RG-3 pathogens. The U of S's Biosafety Protocol Approval Committee (BPAC) is authorized to review and approve permit applications, permit amendments, and changes to protocols involving organisms and biological materials in accordance with the U of S's *Biosafety Code of Practice*.

The BPAC meets on a monthly basis to ensure that research activities are minimally affected by the review and approval process. To ensure sufficient time for the U of S Biosafety Group to review permit amendments and biosafety plans, BPAC requests that all biosafety plans be submitted two weeks prior to each scheduled meeting date.

BPAC meeting dates have been scheduled for the second half of 2018, and are shown in the table below:

2019 BPAC Meeting Date	2019 Submission Deadline
Monday, January 14	Wednesday, January 2
Monday, February 11	Monday, January 28
Monday, March 4	Tuesday, February 19
Monday, April 1	Monday, March 18
Monday, May 6	Monday, April 22
Monday, June 3	Tuesday, May 21

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the U of S Biosafety Group, Tara Donovan, Biosafety and Environmental Officer (tara.donovan@usask.ca, 306-966-8190), or Andrea Smida, Biosafety Officer (andrea.smida@usask.ca, 306-966-8496).

Best regards,



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