**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Change in Registration Requirements for NIH Guidelines for rDNA, Section III-E-3

Crossing of Transgenic Rodents

**Old Requirement:** The breeding of one or more transgenic rodents to create new transgenic rodents, using Biosafety Level 1 (BSL-1) conditions, previously required registration with the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC).

**New Requirement:** On January 19, 2011, the NIH Office of Biotechnology Activities (OBA) amended the NIH Guidelines to exempt breeding of almost all transgenic rodents that require BSL-1 housing conditions. **Projects that fit this description no longer require registration with the Penn IBC.**

**Exceptions to New Requirement:** “Rodents that contain a transgene encoding more than 50% of an exogenous eukaryotic virus and transgenic rodents in which the transgene is under the control of a gammaretroviral promoter” must still be registered with the IBC. In addition, any other breeding experiments that require Biosafety Level 2 (BSL-2) practices and procedures must be registered.

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**Questions???

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