

# NMSU Boards

## Institutional Biosafety Committee

**Name of person completing this report:** JoAnne Dupre

**E-mail of person completing this report:** jdupre@nmsu.edu

**Official Name:** Institutional Biosafety Committee

**Board website (if applicable):** <https://research.nmsu.edu/CAE/sub/IBC/Home.html>

**Authoring Body or Official:** President

**Board Reports to:** Vice President for Research

**Scope of Impact:** System

**Type of Board:** Standing

**Purpose:** The IBC reviews procedures for safety and approval of research that uses infectious agents, biological toxins, or recombinant genetic molecules, as a condition of federal funding for research and to promote best practices for public health and environmental protection. The IBC is responsible for reporting any significant violations of the NIH Guidelines and any significant research-related accidents or illnesses to the appropriate institutional officials and to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Science Policy.

**Authority (e.g. advisory to; decision-making; etc):** Advisory to the Vice President for Research, and decision-making for approval of activities using biological hazards.

**Name and e-mail of Chair or Co-Chairs for FY21:** Chair: Dr. John Kemp, [jkemp@nmsu.edu](mailto:jkemp@nmsu.edu)

Vice-Chair: Dr. Kathryn Hanley, [khanley@nmsu.edu](mailto:khanley@nmsu.edu)

**Name and e-mail of Chair or Co-Chairs for FY22:** Chair: Dr. John Kemp, [jkemp@nmsu.edu](mailto:jkemp@nmsu.edu)

Vice-Chair: Dr. Kathryn Hanley, [khanley@nmsu.edu](mailto:khanley@nmsu.edu)

**REPORTING PERIOD: FY20/21 (July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021) Membership: Provide name and title of each member:** John Kemp, Emeritus (Plant and Environmental Sciences)

Kathryn Hanley, Professor (Biology)

JoAnne Dupre, Research Biosafety Manager

Willis Fedio, Assoc Professor (Extension Food Safety Lab)

Rolston St. Hilaire, Department Head (Plant and Environmental Sciences)

David Schoep, Assistant Director Research Safety (EHSRM)

Robert Patterson, DO, non-institutional member

Kallie Martinez, Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine, non-institutional member

Paul Jackson, LANL Scientist, non-institutional member

**Was the requirement for the number of meetings met?** Yes

**Major Accomplishments:** 1. Meeting 7/13/2020: Full review of 3 new projects at Biosafety Level 2, approved. Administrative review of 1 continuing project, approved. Biosafety report of laboratory inspections conducted in 2020; no major deficiencies. Biosafety report on relevant activities approved through the "Return to Research and Creativity" process, and limited activities occurring at campus research sites due to COVID-19 restrictions. Members received a training refresher on the "NIH Guidelines".

2. Meeting 4/15/2021: Full review of 2 new projects at Biosafety Level 2, approved after receipt of more information. Administrative review of 1 continuing project, approved. Biosafety report of autoclave sterilization records, and annual testing of biosafety cabinets by ProTech Services in Sept 2020 and March 2021. Two members were added, to replace one outgoing community member and one representative from EHS&RM. Members received a training refresher on the updated CDC reference, "Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories, 6th Edition".

3. The IBC annual registration and membership report was updated and accepted by the NIH Office of Science Policy on 9/14/2021. The next report is due Sept 2022.