



## **Institutional Biosafety Committee Policy #2 Designated Facilities for ACL-3 Work**

### **BACKGROUND**

Research using arthropods requires specialized facilities in order to protect the health and well-being of individuals and the environment. Arthropod Containment Levels (ACLs) rank from level 1 (least potential for harm) to level 4 (most potential for harm) and are assigned based on the type of arthropod used (native or exotic to an area, etc.) and if they are being studied as a vector for a particular pathogen (when an arthropod is infected with an agent, the containment level required is automatically increased to at least that required for the agent).

### **POLICY**

The Kansas State University Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) has adopted the following policy:

- All campus arthropod work requiring ACL-3 will be conducted at either the Biosecurity Research Institute (BRI) or at the Waters Hall Annex.
  - Exceptions to this policy may be approved following a comprehensive review of the request by the IBC.
  - No ACL-3 work may be performed in the Waters Hall Annex that involves the use of agents that require BSL-3 containment and/or “select agents” (see IBC Policy #1).

### **ACTIONS**

- The IBC will perform, as needed, comprehensive campus-wide surveys of researchers and facilities to ensure that all ACL-3 work is identified for purposes of inventory and compliance.
- It is the responsibility of the PI to coordinate all activities involving arthropods with the IBC to ensure compliance.

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