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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