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Re: Boston University's rDNA Permit Renewal

Dear Mr. Farland

In response to your e-mail regarding the Boston University's (BU) rDNA Permit Renewal; and the addition of the National Emerging Infectious Disease Laboratory (NEIDL) as new site; I would like to confirm that all rDNA work conducted at the NEIDL will only be BSL2 until such time that BU has been given permit by BPHC and other appropriate regulatory agencies to conduct BSL3 and higher containment research. Appropriate applications for an amendment will be submitted for BPI-IC for review and at that time to conduct rDNA work at higher biosafety,

I hope this clarifies the issue and please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information.

Regards,

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