University of Cincinnati
Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee

Requirement for Safety Office Approval Prior to IACUC Protocol Approval

In order to comply with AAALAC accreditation requirements and Public Health Service Policy (PHS Policy), the IACUC cannot approve pending protocol actions until approval is obtained from the necessary safety office (i.e. Radiation Safety Office, Institutional Biosafety Committee, and/or Department of Environmental Health & Safety). Pending IACUC protocol actions may be reviewed concurrently with the safety office, but IACUC approval will be withheld until the appropriate safety office(s) approval is obtained. In the meantime for new or updated protocols, animals may not be ordered and animals in-house may not be used.

For protocol modifications, the modified portion of the protocol cannot be approved until the necessary safety office has approved it. This includes Limited Modifications that add a chemical, physical, radiological, or biochemical hazard (e.g. addition of Isoflurane anesthesia).

- The IACUC office is responsible for submitting the pending IACUC protocol to the appropriate safety office.
- The safety office is responsible for ensuring the Principal Investigator completes the required paperwork, if any.
- The safety office will notify Principal Investigators and the IACUC office of safety approval, which does not indicate IACUC approval of the animal protocol.
- If using radiological or biosafety hazards, Principal Investigators are strongly advised to check with the Radiation Safety Office or Institutional Biosafety Committee (respectively) prior to the submission of animal protocols to the IACUC.

Contact information for all University safety offices can be found on the IACUC website at http://www.med.uc.edu/iacuc/content/protocol.cfm.