University of Idaho
Institutional Biosafety Committee

Date:	Wednesday, October 14, 2026
Time:	11:00 a.m. PT
Location:	IRIC 321 or Zoom from a computer: https://uidaho.zoom.us/j/81108415969 Passcode: 446400 or phone: (646) 876-9923 Meeting ID: 811 0841 5969.
Attendance:	Voting: Paul Rowley (Chair), Amy Skibiel, Josie Boyer, Russell McClanahan, Dorah Mtui, Nathan Schiele, and James Woodhall Non-voting: Arch Harner (Non-voting), and Samir Shahat (Non-voting) Administrative: Kiah Stewart Guest: Levi O'Loughlin Quorum was met with 6 of 9 members present

Meeting called to order at 11:04 a.m.

I. Old Business
   A. Review of minutes from the previous meetings.
      1. Discussion
      2. Motion to approve.
         a. Unanimously approved.
   B. Review protocol activity since the previous meeting.

II. New Business

   A. New Protocols

      1. IBC-26-041 (Swanson) – *Legionella monitoring and characterization in environmental samples*
         a. Proposed at BSL-1
         b. Discussion
            1. 5.3 Specify the source of the environmental and engineering samples. Clarify what an engineered sample is and describe the risk of other pathogens present in the samples.
            2. Legionella is BSL2 agent. Update accordingly throughout the protocol.
            3. 5.3 Provide additional details for validating samples. Describe how samples are removed from filters and processed.
            4. 5.3.C. Include Biosafety level 2 training.

J. Boyer joined the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

            5. 5.3.A. Select Inhalation as a route of exposure.
         c. Motion table for modifications required to secure approval pending correction to items 1-5 above.
            1. Unanimously approved.
      2. IBC-26-045 (de Oliveira Viadanna) – *PERSISTENCE OF Flavobacterium psychrophilum BIOFILMS IN A SIMULATED FLOW-THROUGH SYSTEM*
         a. Proposed at BSL-1
         b. Discussion
            1. 5.3 Provide additional details about culturing, samples, inoculation, volume of tanks, decontamination methods, and risk mitigation for ongoing studies in the facility.
            2. 2.2 Correct the department listed.
            3. 6.1 Update the table to BSL2 and complete the Rec DNA sections.
            4. 5.3.B. Select Autoclave to decontaminate solid waste.

5. 8.1 List the biosafety level.
6. 5.4 Provide additional transportation details.
7. 5.3.B.1. Include the use of eye protection and lab coats.

A. Skibiel and A. Harner left the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

8. 5.3.A. Reconsider the routes of exposure.
9. 5.5.C. Include decontamination method for pipette tips.

c. Motion table for modifications required to secure approval pending correction to items 1-9 above.
   1. Unanimously approved.

B. Three Year Renewal of Previously Approved Protocols
   1. IBC-26-042 (Stenkamp) - *Copy of Copy of Patterning Genes in Retinal Development*
      a. Proposed at BSL-1; Renewal: IBC-23-034 Expires: 11/12/2026
      b. Discussion
         1. 5.3.B. Remove hazardous chemical information.
         2. 5.3.C. Remove "flowchart…red outlines." Specify the LARF's disposal method (incineration).
      c. Motion for modifications required to secure approval pending correction to items 1-2 above.
         1. Unanimously approved.

C. Amendments to Previously Approved Protocols
   1. IBC-26-028 (Lynch) - *Culturing soil bacteria for EMBER and DOE EPSCoR Projects in AgSci 128*
      a. Proposed at BSL-1; Amendment Type: Biological Agents (Not Recombinant DNA)
      b. Discussion
         1. Internal Comment: Is a permit required? A permit is only needed if agents are from outside of Idaho.
         2. 5.3 Update the scope of work to include the new biological agent.
         3. 8.1 Clarify if Edaphobacter is from Missouri and if permitting is required.
      c. Motion for modifications required to secure approval pending correction to items 2-3 above.
         1. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.