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Subject: Annual Notification: Possession of Select Agents
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This is the annual reminder that NIH employees cannot receive, possess, or ship Select Agents or Toxins unless authorized by the CDC Division of Select Agents and Toxins through the NIH Select Agent Program (Bethesda). Non-compliance can result in suspension of research, revocation of NIH's registration, or civil money penalties levied against you or against the NIH.

For your information, find links to:

- 1) a current list of Select Agents and Toxins - <http://www.selectagents.gov/SelectAgentsandToxinsList.html>.
- 2) a list of attenuated forms of some Select Agents that are not regulated (i.e., exclusions) - <http://www.selectagents.gov/SelectAgentsandToxinsExclusions.html>.
- 3) a list showing the aggregate amounts of the Select Agent toxins that are not regulated - <http://www.selectagents.gov/PermissibleToxinAmounts.html>.

Please note: the lists of exclusions and aggregate amounts are very specific. If you have any questions about what is considered a Select Agent or Toxin, or are interested in acquiring a Select Agent or Toxin, please contact the Select Agent Program. General information can be found at: <http://www.selectagents.gov>.

In addition, if you ever unexpectedly determine (via sequencing or some other analysis), that a sample in your possession contains a Select Agent or Toxin, and you are not authorized to possess that agent or toxin, you must notify the Select Agent Program immediately, even if the material has been inactivated. This refers to samples that you have no reason to suspect contain a Select Agent or Toxin. The NIH Select Agent Program (Bethesda) asks that you report this even if the sample is inactivated so that we can document disposition of the viable material that gave rise to the inactivated sample, and/or notify the sender of the material if it came from a collaborator.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Antony Schwartz, Ph.D, Responsible Official, NIH Select Agent Program at 301-496-2960.

Thank you,

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