

NATIONAL SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD FOR BIOSECURITY

Next Steps for NSABB: Establishing Working Groups



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Working Groups

The Board will establish Working Groups to address the issues introduced during today's meeting. The working groups will address:

Dual Use Criteria

Communications

Codes of Conduct

International Collaboration

Synthetic Genomics

Criteria for Identifying Dual Use Research and Results

- Define criteria for identifying dual use research and research results
- Consider flexibility in criteria, by assuming the potential for harm may evolve

Communication of DUR Results, Methods & Technologies

- Advise on policies and practices for communicating the findings and technologies from dual use research
- Facilitate the consistent application of well-considered principles to decisions about communication of information with biosecurity implications

Codes of Conduct for the Life Sciences

- Garner support and solicit recommendations from the scientific community for a code of conduct to address dual use research
- Provide recommendations for a code of conduct that may be adopted by the life sciences to address concerns with dual use research

International Collaboration

Recommend strategies for fostering international collaboration in the development of appropriate biosecurity policies. Specifically,

- gather information/develop outreach network
- promote exchange of information
- develop strategies for engaging international community

The Synthetic Genomics

- Evaluate the dual use biosecurity concerns involving advanced DNA synthesis technologies
- Develop potential strategies working with the scientific and genome services provider communities to facilitate the development of “best practices”