

# *Western Illinois University*

The purpose of this policy is to safeguard the health of the University community, the community-at-large, and to comply with applicable regulations.

This policy applies to the safe, legal, and ethical use of biological materials in Western Illinois University facilities.

Acting as an agent for the University in regulating work involving such materials, the Western Illinois University Institutional Biosafety Committee (WIU IBC) shall ensure that work in the following four categories (the “Covered Work”) meets all applicable safety, legal, and ethical requirements. Significant problems with, or violations of, the *NIH Guidelines* and any significant research related accidents or illnesses must be reported to the IBC. This information will then be reported to the Office of Biotechnology Activities within 30 days (or immediately depending on the nature of the incident).

1)

***Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories (BMBL):*** The WIU IBC will monitor the use and safety practices surrounding certain viral, bacterial, fungal or prion agents according to CDC

can be reasonably anticipated to provide knowledge, information, products, or technologies that could be directly misapplied to pose a significant threat with broad potential consequences to public health and safety, agricultural crops and other plants, animals, the environment, materiel, or national security. The WIU IBC will aim to preserve the benefits of life sciences research while minimizing the risk of misuse of the knowledge, information, products, or technologies provided by such research according to NIH guidelines.

4)

In accordance with NIH guidelines, the WIU IBC will oversee the possession, use and transfer of biological select agents and toxins, which have the potential to pose a severe threat to public, animal or plant health or to animal or plant products.

All members of the University community using or generating biohazardous materials shall:

- 1) Be responsible for adherence to the prescribed safety