

Mississippi State University IACUC Standard Operating Procedure

Title: **Protocol to Grant Congruency Verification**

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Purpose and Scope:

The purpose of this Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is to define the IACUC's policy by which it ensures that the research described in NIH or NSF grants is congruent with any corresponding protocols at initial review.

Background:

PHS Policy and the NIH Grants Policy Statement indicate that institutions are responsible for ensuring that the information the IACUC reviews and approves is congruent with what is in the application/grant proposal.

Authority/Guidance:

PHS Policy IV.C.1: Review of PHS-Conducted or Supported Research Projects.

NIH NOT-OD-10-049: III. Role of the IACUC in the Oversight of Animal Care & Use Protocols.

OLAW FAQs: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/faqs.htm#d10>

Policy:

The Office of Research Compliance & Security will verify, before award, that the IACUC has reviewed and approved those components of NIH/NSF grant applications and contract proposals related to the care and use of animals.

Procedures:

1. The Animal Care & Use Program Officer will review the grant and protocol(s) and assure congruency for the following areas:
 - a. Animal species and approximate numbers of animals to be used;
 - b. Procedures performed on animals;
 - c. Procedures to minimize pain and distress; and
 - d. Method of euthanasia
2. If inconsistencies between the grant and protocol(s) are identified, the Animal Care & Use Program Officer will notify the Principal Investigator (PI) to modify the protocol(s) until congruency is achieved.
3. Once congruency has been achieved the protocol will be sent to the IACUC for review and approval.

Reviewed:

IACUC Chairperson

Date

Research Compliance & Security Director

Date