

Institutional Biosafety Committee FAQ's:

Q: Can I submit the IBC forms electronically?

A: Yes, however we still need the signed hardcopy.

Q: What is a biological inventory?

A: A biological inventory is a list of all cell lines, plasmids, viruses, toxins, and etc that are being used or stored in the PI's lab. A biological inventory is required with all annual update and Chemical Hygiene Plan submissions.

Q: What is Recombinant DNA?

A: *NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant DNA Section 1-B*

(i) molecules that are constructed outside living cells by joining natural or synthetic DNA segments to DNA molecules that can replicate in a living cell, or (ii) molecules that result from the replication of those described in (i) above.

Q: My grant submission is requesting the institution's IBC Assurance number. What is our institution's IBC Assurance number?

A: Our institution is registered with NIH OBA. The IBC Assurance number that we receive is the approval date of our annual report to NIH OBA. Our current approval is **March 22, 2017**. Anytime you need this date for submitting a grant, please contact the IBC Coordinator, Leyla Wieck, at shvbiosafety@lsuhsc.edu or check the IBC website for the correct date.