



Registered Biosafety Professional (RBP) List

The qualifications of the following individuals have been evaluated by the Registration Evaluation Board and, based upon this review, have been granted Registered Biosafety Professional (RBP) status by the American Biological Safety Association (ABSAs). The following approved individuals are listed with their affiliation as of the approval date.

Melina Kinsey
Midwest Research Institute
January 20, 2003

Phil Pendergast
Ohio State University
February 18, 2003

David Easton
University of Virginia
February 18, 2003

Lawrence Milchak
University of Pittsburgh
February 18, 2003

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Richard Rebar

GlaxoSmithKline, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania

Registered Biosafety Professional (RBP)

An RBP is an individual with a documented university education or specialized training in relevant biological safety disciplines who has submitted an application and been found to be eligible for registration by the ABSAs Registration Evaluation Board. The RBP understands sufficient cell biology, pathogenic microbiology, molecular genetics, immune responses of hosts, and concepts of infectious transmission to enable him or her to apply safeguards when working with biohazardous materials.

The 2002-2003 Registration Evaluation Board is composed of five members: Richard Rebar, Chair; Betty Kupskey; Don Vesley; Manuel Barbeito; and Jack Keene.

The purpose of the Registration Evaluation Board is to review applications for registration as a biological safety professional and to determine if the applicant meets the established criteria.

General Criteria

- Graduation from an accredited college or university* with a Baccalaureate degree in a physical or biological science discipline, plus five years or more of professional biological safety experience acceptable to the Registration Evaluation Board.
- An earned Doctoral degree in a relevant discipline from an accredited college or university may be recognized in lieu of up to 3 years of the applicant's required professional biological safety experience.
- A Master's degree in a relevant discipline from

an accredited college or university may be recognized in lieu of 2 years of the applicant's required professional biological safety experience.

- Professional certification, licensing, or registration that covers required qualifications commensurate with those in the General Criteria may be recognized in lieu of 2 years of the applicant's required professional biological safety experience. (Only one of the professional experience equivalents will be credited. If more than one professional experience equivalent is acceptable, the Registration Evaluation Board will apply the one that provides the most credit.)
- An applicant not meeting the academic requirements may, at the discretion of the Registration Evaluation Board, be permitted to substitute approved biological safety experience for each academic year deficient, per the guideline below.

Substitution of Biological Safety Experience for Degree Requirement

Biological safety experience may be substituted for the basic academic requisite at the rate of 2 years

(24 months) directly related biosafety experience for each of the 4 years of the required academic degree. If an individual does not have the requisite Baccalaureate degree, he or she may substitute 96 months of professional biosafety experience in lieu of the Baccalaureate degree requirement.

Summary of activity from October 2002-February 2003:

- 3 RBP applications received
- 1 RBP application reviewed and revoted
- 1 application approved
- 3 applications pending

Currently, there are a total of 101 Registered Biological Safety Professionals.

* Accredited college or university means accredited by one of the following: Western Association of Schools and Colleges; Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools; New England Association of Schools and Colleges; North Central Association of Colleges and Schools; Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges; or Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

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