

Registered Biosafety Professional (RBP) Report and List

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A Registered Biosafety Professional (RBP) is an individual with a documented university education plus specialized training and experience in relevant biological safety disciplines who has submitted the application and been found to be eligible for registration by the ABSA RBP Evaluation Review Board. An RBP understands sufficient pathogenic microbiology, molecular genetics, immune responses of hosts, and concepts of infectious transmission to enable them to apply safeguards to work with biohazardous materials.

The 2007-2008 Registration Evaluation Review Board is composed of five members: Betty Kupskey,

Chair; Paul Meechan; Tom Boyle; Sheldon Cooper; and Patty Olinger.

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

Summary of activity from January 2007 to April 2008: 33 RBP applications received; 16 applications approved; 12 applications disapproved; and 5 applications pending review.

There are currently a total of 163 Registered Biological Safety Professionals.

Ingrid Abbott-Permell
Burlington, Ontario, Canada
Approved: January 18, 2007

Vera Ettenger
AFG Biosolutions, Inc.,
Germantown, MD
Approved: March 7, 2007

Elizabeth Rohonczy
Canadian Food Inspection Agency,
Nepean, Ontario, Canada
Approved: March 7, 2007

Charlyn Peart
Merck & Co, Inc., West Point, PA
Approved: March 7, 2007

Steven Phillips
Baylor Research Inst., Dallas, TX
Approved: March 20, 2007

Darlene Ward
Florida Atlantic Univ., Boca Raton, FL
Approved: April 16, 2007

Stephen Rohrer
Battelle Inst., Columbus, OH
Approved: April 16, 2007

Matthew Phillpott
Oregon State Univ., Corvallis, OR
Approved: July 9, 2007

Martin Sanders
USPHS-CDC-OHS, Alpharetta, GA
Approved: July 9, 2007

Maureen Oliver
Environmental Health &
Engineering, Stoughton, MA
Approved: July 9, 2007

Robert Holthausen
Stony Brook Univ., Stony Brook, NY
Approved: August 16, 2007

Lesley Homer
Univ. of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
Approved: August 16, 2007

Debra Sharpe
Southern Research Inst.,
Birmingham, AL
Approved: August 22, 2007

Hooi Leong Wee
Singapore
Approved: August 29, 2007

Cecil Smith
Ohio State Univ., Columbus, OH
Approved: August 31, 2007

Jean Gratz
Univ. of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
Approved: September 1, 2007

Christopher Harwood
Brown Univ., Providence, RI
Approved: September 4, 2007

Wing Wong
NASA, Houston, TX
Approved: September 19, 2007

William Martin
Emergent BioSolutions, Inc.,
Rockville, MD
Approved: September 17, 2007

Eric Jeppesen
Midwest Research Inst., Kansas
City, MO
Approved: October 22, 2007

Noman Siddiqi
Harvard Univ., Brookline, MA
Approved: January 8, 2008

Theodore Myatt
Environmental Health &
Engineering, Inc., Newton, MA
Approved: January 8, 2008

Stephen Larson
Jackson Laboratory, Bass Harbor, ME
Approved: March 19, 2008

Donald Redpath
Acambis, Inc., Norton, MA
Approved: March 24, 2008

Arif Peshimam
CWRU, Cleveland Heights, OH
Approved: March 24, 2008

Patricia Cox
Mississippi State Univ., Mississippi
State, MS
Approved: March 26, 2008