

## 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 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 April 2008 to January 2009: 31 RBP applications received; 17 applications approved; 2 applications disapproved; and 14 applications pending review.

There are currently a total of 173 Registered Biological Safety Professionals.

Aamer Ikram  
AFIP, Rawalpindi Punjab, Pakistan  
Approved: June 24, 2008

Patricia Barbosa  
Lawrence Livermore National Labs,  
Livermore, CA  
Approved: June 13, 2008

JeT'Aime Newton  
University of Texas Medical Branch,  
Galveston, TX  
Approved: June 24, 2008

Anne Sophie Brocard  
University of Texas Medical Branch,  
Galveston, TX  
Approved: June 24, 2008

Felix Gmuender  
Basler & Hofmann Pte., Ltd.,  
Singapore  
Approved: July 30, 2008

Kalpana Rengarjan  
Emory University, Atlanta, GA  
Approved: July 30, 2008

Tamece Knowles  
Florida International University,  
Miami, FL  
Approved: August 9, 2008

V. Paul Landon  
NBACC, Frederick, MD  
Approved: August 15, 2008

Johanna vanderSpek  
Anjin Group, Inc., Worcester, MA  
Approved: August 15, 2008

Colleen Driskill  
Pfizer, Inc., Salem, CT  
Approved: August 15, 2008

Nasr Gergis  
LATTC, Walnut, CA  
Approved: September 4, 2008

Laurence Mendoza  
HHMI-Janelia Farm Research  
Campus, Ashburn, VA  
Approved: September 11, 2008

Gregory Lupinski  
Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ  
Approved: December 2, 2008

Benjamin Perman  
Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc., McLean,  
VA  
Approved: December 2, 2008

Richard Le  
Florida State University,  
Tallahassee, FL  
Approved: December 2, 2008

Mitchell Pate  
Southern Research Institute,  
Birmingham, AL  
Approved: December 2, 2008

James Hartling  
Ft. Dodge Animal Health, Ft. Dodge,  
IA  
Approved: January 9, 2009

Julie Jackson  
Amgen, Inc., Thousand Oaks, CA  
Approved: January 9, 2009

Stacey Kraemer  
Medical College of Georgia, Augusta,  
GA  
Approved: January 9, 2009