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Memorandum

To: University Research Community

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The Division of Research would like to advise the university research community that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) recently announced that it will delay processing of noncompeting continuation awards starting in Spring 2013 if the investigator(s)' publications arising from that award are not in compliance with the NIH public access policy.

The NIH's enforcement of the policy will be implemented as a part of the required use of the Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) form for all Streamlined Non-Competing Award Process (SNAP) and fellowship awards which is anticipated to commence in Spring 2013.

The RPPR will require the reporting of publications to include the PMC reference number (PMCID) or appropriate substitute every time a paper that falls under the public access policy is cited that was authored by the investigator that arose from their NIH-funded research.

In order to ensure compliance with the public access policy investigators will need to use their eRA Commons My Bibliography link to access My NCBI (National Center for Biotechnology Information) to report their publications. The RPPR publication section will be pre-populated with the investigator's publications from My NCBI and the investigator will need to check off the publications to be associated with their progress report.

In the event an investigator submits a RPPR with non-compliant publications, an email notification will be sent to the investigator providing a two-week window for compliance. The award will not be processed by the NIH until the non-compliant publications are brought into compliance.

If you have any questions about this upcoming change from the NIH please visit http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-12-160.html or contact your Pre-Award representative in the Division of Research at 305-348-2494.