

Memorandum

To: University Research Community

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Subj.: Dual Use Research of Concern (DURC)

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Effective tomorrow the United States Government [Policy for Dual Use Research of Concern and Pathogens with Enhanced Pandemic Potential](#) (“USG DURC-PEPP Policy”) will go into effect for **Dual Use Research of Concern (DURC)** and certain other research with pathogens. The new policy applies to both funded and non-funded research and supersedes previous DURC policies and the 2017 Enhanced Potential Pandemic Pathogens Framework (P3CO).

In order to comply with this new policy, proposals planning to propose work with any of the impacted [Select Agents and Toxins](#) or conducting research involving a [pathogen with pandemic potential](#) will need to complete a [Self-Assessment](#) and upload a copy of the completed self-assessment form into their Electronic Proposal Routing Approval Form (ePRAF) submission.

Additional information and guidance related to this new federal policy can be found at the [DURC and PEPP webpage](#).

Question 12 on the ePRAF has been revised as follows to address this updated federal requirement:

Does your research (1) Involve one or more biological agents and toxins from a pre-determined list (<https://research.fiu.edu/ire/agents-toxins/>)? and/or (2) Involve, or is reasonably anticipated to result in, a Pathogen with Pandemic Potential (PPP), the development, use, or transfer of a Pathogen with Enhanced Pandemic Potential (PEPP), or an eradicated or extinct PPP that may pose a significant public health threat (<https://research.fiu.edu/ire/tools-resources/>)? If yes to either (1) or (2), you must complete the PI Self-Assessment Form for DURC or PEPP Research (<https://webforms.fiu.edu/view.php?id=5348144>) and attach the completed form to this ePRAF. (Revised 05/05/25)

If there are any questions related to this new policy or revision to question 12 on the ePRAF, please reach out directly to Barbara Llaneras-Rodriguez, Associate Director, Research Integrity (ORI) at bllane01@fiu.edu or 305-348-2494.