

November 29, 2012

Ms. Beth Willis
Chair, Containment Laboratory Community Advisory Committee
8135 Ball Road
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Dear Ms. Willis:

Thank you for your letter of October 9, 2012, in which you proposed having quarterly working group meetings between representatives of the Containment Laboratory Community Advisory Committee (CLCAC) and senior officials from Fort Detrick and the containment laboratories operating here on post.

As previously mentioned, we would like to meet with you on January 23, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. to discuss communication and related issues. In addition, we would like to propose that a representative from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases-Integrated Research Facility (NIAID-IRF) be included in this meeting as well. While the NIAID-IRF is not yet fully operational with regard to all of its containment laboratories, we think it would be best to involve them in the discussion. Mr. J. Michael Jewett, Associate Director for Program Integration, will be their representative.

The meeting will be held in the NIAID-IRF conference room, located at 8200 Research Plaza, Fort Detrick, MD 21702. Please contact Ms. Caree Vander Linden at 301-619-2285 or Ms. Lanessa Hill at 301-619-3324, our liaisons to the CLCAC, with the names of the committee members who will be attending. Copies of this letter will be furnished to Senator Barbara Mikulski and Senator Ben Cardin.

We look forward to meeting with you soon.

Sincerely,



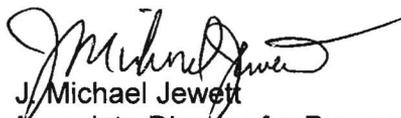
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