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## **Administration Requires Actions as Part of 'National Biosafety Stewardship Month'**

“Scientists can never become complacent in routine safety practices — one mistake could have serious repercussions. Consequently, we at NIH are taking remedial action and precautionary steps to improve our lab safety protocols and procedures, minimize the risk of recurrence, and increase timely reporting of potential problems,” NIH Deputy Director for Extramural Research Sally Rockey recently wrote on her blog, Rock Talk. “We also want to remind all of the universities, hospitals, and other research organizations across the nation that receive NIH funding that they also need to have their houses in order.” Rockey explained that actions are going forward as part of National Biosafety Stewardship Month following several high-profile incidents in which government researchers discovered deadly pathogens being stored insecurely and being handled without proper precautions. Rockey’s blog provides a link to a number of directives and statements explaining the required actions.

**Link:** <http://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2014/08/27/promoting-health-science-and-public-trust-through-laboratory-safety>