

Federal and Congressional Committees Dealing with Recombinant DNA Research

1. Inter-Agency Committee on DNA

Established by President Ford in 1976 after urging from Senators Kennedy and Javits (Senate Health Subcommittee).

It was organized through the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and is composed of agencies that are presently sponsoring recombinant DNA research or potentially might sponsor such research in the future and agencies that might regulate this kind of research. Member agencies include:

National Institute of Health	National Science Foundation
Food and Drug Administration	Center for Disease Control
Environmental Protection Agency	Energy Research and Development Agency
Veterans Administration	Occupational Safety and Health Adm. (DOL)
Dept. of Agriculture	Dept. of Commerce
Dept. of Defense	Dept. of Interior
Dept. of Justice	Dept. of Transportation
State Department	NASA
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	HEW
President's Office of Science and Technology	
U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency	

The committee has created a subcommittee to review regulatory authority. The subcommittee has prepared an analysis of where regulatory authority lies and has concluded that at the moment no one agency has complete authority to regulate recombinant DNA research; all the regulatory agencies have authority to regulate some part of it, though. The subcommittee is currently investigating what courses of action could be followed to consolidate regulatory authority and it expects to make recommendations for legislation in March, 1977.

Another meeting of the full committee is expected at the end of February.

2. Senate Health Subcommittee of Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare

After the release of the NIH guidelines, the Senate Health Subcommittee conducted hearings to discuss the guidelines, their extension to the commercial sector, and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The two Senators particularly interested in this are Kennedy and Javits - a letter from them to President Ford caused the Inter-Agency Committee on DNA to be formed (see #1.)

The Subcommittee will be having additional meetings this spring to discuss compliance of federal agencies with the guidelines and the updated

environmental impact statement. A hearing schedule has not been established yet.

3. House Science and Technology Committee
Chairman: Rep. Ray Thornton (Ark.)

This committee has been investigating genetic engineering since the early 1970's. Reports have been issued in 1972 and 1974. The Congressional Research Service in the Library of Congress is finishing a new report for this Committee surveying recombinant DNA research both nationally and internationally.

The Committee is thinking about a hearing schedule but has not established one yet.

Rep. Ottinger (N.Y.) who sits on this committee has introduced legislation to extend the NIH guidelines to the private sector.

4. House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee
Subcommittee on Health
Chairman: Rep. Rogers (Fla.)

This is the counterpart to the Senate Health Subcommittee. It apparently is not going to be considering the DNA question at this time.

5. Environmental Study Group
An informal group of Congressmen

This group held hearings last December on recombinant DNA research. They were looking into the public policy and social science aspects of the research. It was co-sponsored by Scientists for the Public Interest.

6. There are no formally organized committees investigating recombinant DNA research on the state level. The Commissioner of Public Health is seeking informal advice at the present time.

INSTITUTIONS CONDUCTING RECOMBINANT DNA
EXPERIMENTS IN P3 LABORATORIES

CALIFORNIA

Salk Institute
La Jolla, California

San Francisco Medical School
San Francisco, California

Stanford University
School of Medicine
Palo Alto, California

University of California
Berkeley, California

University of California
Los Angeles, California

University of California
Santa Barbara, California

CONNECTICUT

Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Carnegie Institute of Washington
Washington, D.C.

MARYLAND

Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland

MICHIGAN

University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

MISSOURI

Washington University Medical School
St. Louis, Missouri

NEW YORK

Albert Einstein School of Medicine
New York, New York

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory
Cold Spring Harbor, New York

Rockefeller University
New York, New York

NORTH CAROLINA

Duke University
Durham, North Carolina

University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

PENNSYLVANIA

Wistar Institute
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

TEXAS

Baylor College of Medicine
Houston, Texas

WISCONSIN

University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Source: Dr. W. J. Gartland, National Institute of Health

NIH reports that it is not presently sponsoring any P4 level recombinant DNA research.

The Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association reports that it does not have a list of which of its BI member companies are doing DNA research. However, they report that any company performing vaccine research or producing vaccines are using facilities and procedures that are probably comparable to a P3 level. The PMA feels that the following 3 companies are presently doing research at the Pl-EK1 level:

Lilly in Indianapolis, Indiana

Upjohn in Kalamazoo, Michigan

Hoffman - LaRoche in Nutley, New Jersey

The PMA further reports that Hoffman-LaRoche is constructing a lab capable of performing P4 level research.

The PMA feels it is unlikely that non-member drug manufacturers are performing recombinant DNA reserach since they are not large enough to support this level of research.

Source: Dr. John Adams, Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association,
Washington, D. C.



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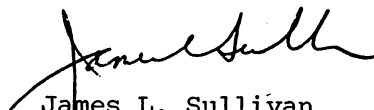
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

February 7, 1977

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 9, regarding
committees, agencies and labs dealing with D.N.A. experimentation
enclosed is the requested list.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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Response to Awaiting Report Item No. 9 re: to
committees and agencies involved with recom-
binant DNA experimentation.

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