

Certificate of Environmental Compliance

During the grant process, some funding agencies (especially US DOD and US EPA) require an Environmental Compliance review. The Division of Research Integrity and Compliance (DRIC) and the Office of Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) assists the Division of Sponsored Research in verifying that the research conducted is compliant with all applicable national, state and local environmental laws and regulations. This review requires that both the Director of DRIC and Director of EHS sign the Certificate of Environmental Compliance.

Procedure for obtaining a signed Certificate of Environmental Compliance (CEC):

- Access the required CEC documents and Investigator Safety Program Assurance form-
- [-DOD Certificate of Environmental Compliance.pdf](#)
- [-DOD Facility Safety Director Assurance.pdf](#)
- The Principal Investigator completes the CEC and returns it via e-mail to biosafety@research.usf.edu
- The Principal Investigator should submit a copy of the Research Project Proposal and any additional details to DRIC.
- DRIC reviews the proposal and determines if it meets environmental compliance requirements for the research project.
- DRIC forwards a copy to EHS for review and a determination of environmental compliance requirements. The PI is contacted if any issues or questions arise during the completion of the review.
- Both the DRIC Director and EHS Director signs the CEC and certifies compliance.
- DRIC sends PI and Sponsored Research a copy of signed CEC.

Timeline

Please provide DRIC and EHS at least 5 working days to process the CEC. This process may take longer if site visit to your lab is required. For additional information, please contact the Institutional Biosafety Officer at biosafety@research.usf.edu.