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Mr Edward Hammond  
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Dear Mr Hammond:

Please find attached a copy of the Wilkes University IBC minutes and the annual report for 2006. You should be aware that Wilkes is a small university with only a few researchers, and no proposals requiring the IBC's attention were submitted in 2006.

I apologize for the delay in responding to your request, but I never received the original request. Since I am on sabbatical at Yale University, it is possible that the request from the Sunshine Project got lost in the forwarding process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William B. Terzaghi".

William B. Terzaghi

Cc: Ms. Johnson-Lancaster

Wilkes University Institutional Biosafety Committee  
Meeting of May 26, 2006

The meeting began at 4:02 PM in SLC 361. Dr. J. Wartella from Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, Mr. G. Jones from Comfort Designs, and Drs McCune, Pidcock and Terzaghi and Ms. R Stull from Wilkes University were present.

Dr. Terzaghi started the meeting by explaining why Wilkes University needs an Institutional Biosafety Committee. He then described the duties of the committee and the current status of recombinant DNA research and transgenic plant containment at Wilkes, pointing out that there was not presently any research at Wilkes that requires IBC approval, but that there might be within a year. The four levels of containment and the sorts of organisms that fell within each category were discussed, and Mr. Jones enquired about the risk of infection from level 2 microorganisms. Dr. Pidcock described the sorts of pathogenic microorganisms cultured at Wilkes and their containment. Mr. Jones enquired about the oversight of research with animals at Wilkes. Dr. Pidcock described the functions of the animal care committee and the human subjects committee.

The committee then discussed procedures for setting up future meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 4:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William Terzaghi

## Annual Report of the Wilkes University Institutional Biosafety Committee

In 2006 the committee consisted of the following members, with the described affiliations and expertise. Curriculum vitae of each member are attached.

Dr. William Terzaghi (Chair), Associate Professor, Dept Biology, Wilkes University, 84 W. South Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766. Phone (570) 408-4762, fax (570) 408-7862, email: [terzaghi@wilkes.edu](mailto:terzaghi@wilkes.edu). Dr. Terzaghi has over 20 years of experience in dealing with recombinant DNA, and prior to moving to Wilkes he spent 7 years at the Plant Science Institute of the University of Pennsylvania, where he gained extensive expertise in working with transgenic plants. Dr. Terzaghi serves as the primary plant containment expert.

Dr. Kenneth Pidcock, Associate Professor, Dept Biology, Wilkes University, 84 W. South Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766. Phone (570) 408-4766, fax (570) 408-7862, email: [kpidcoc@wilkes.edu](mailto:kpidcoc@wilkes.edu). Dr. Pidcock is a microbiologist who has extensive experience with many microorganisms and with a variety of recombinant DNA methodologies.

Dr. Daniel, McCune, Assistant Professor, Dept. Pharmaceutical Sciences, Wilkes University, 84 W. South Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766. Phone (570) 408-4296, fax (570) 408-7828, email: [kpidcoc@wilkes.edu](mailto:kpidcoc@wilkes.edu). Dr. McCune is a pharmacologist who has extensive experience working with animals and animal cell cultures and serves as our animal containment expert.

Ms. Rhyle Stull, Laboratory manager, Dept Biology, Wilkes University, Wilkes University, 84 W. South Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766. Phone (570) 408-4761, fax (570)408-7862, email: [stull@wilkes.edu](mailto:stull@wilkes.edu). Ms. Stull is trained as a medical technologist, and manages the laboratory preparations and ordering supplies for the biology department.

Mr. Garfield Jones, Vice President, US Telemed. Mr. Jones is a non-affiliated member: his address is 1231 Meadowcrest Drive, Shavertown, PA 18708, his office phone is 570 696-4490, his fax is 570 696-4231 and his email is [ggjones@epix.net](mailto:ggjones@epix.net). Mr. Jones is a successful local businessman who sells a variety of healthcare products including surgical equipment and hospital-based equipment and supplies. He is thus well-versed in health-care issues, and is also active in a variety of community groups.

Dr. John Wartella, M.D., is a non-affiliated member: his address is Sapphire Emergency Physicians, 670 North River Street, Suite 102, Plains, 18705, Phone: 570-270-9192, Fax: 570-270-9195, and his email is [wartd@aol.com](mailto:wartd@aol.com). Dr. Wartella is an emergency staff physician at First General Hospital in Wilkes-Barre with extensive experience in emergency medicine.

The committee met once on May 26, 2006, to discuss the committee's responsibilities. Minutes of this meeting are attached. The committee has not met since because no research proposals requiring IBC approval have been submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

William B. Terzaghi,  
Chair, Wilkes University IBC