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Dear Colleagues:

The Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies is implementing a research compliance system, Click™, to serve the Office of Regulatory Affairs. Click™ is in use at several peer institutions, including University of Michigan, Northwestern University, Rutgers University, Pennsylvania State University, and the University of Wisconsin. At MSU, it will manage Institutional Review Board (IRB), Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), and Environmental Health and Safety Committee (EHS) compliance activities. EHS includes Radiation Safety Committee (RSC), Institutional Biological Safety Committee (IBC), and the ORA Institutional Stem Cell Research Committee (ISRC). Click™ will help streamline the compliance process and will enhance security and application transparency for the investigator. Click™ will also integrate with other MSU systems, including the Kuali Coeus component of the Research Administration System, the Learning Management System (LMS) for compliance training, MSU’s Identity Management (IDM), and Organization of Interest (OOI) systems.

Implementation Timeline
- December 2017 – IRB
- May 2018 – IACUC
- August 2018 – EHS (Radiation Safety, Institutional Biological Safety, and Stem Cell Research)

Education
For the IRB portion of Click™, educational opportunities, job aids, and video demonstrations will be available on the Research Administration Project website this fall. Additional communications will be provided to researchers this fall about the upcoming IRB implementation, including training dates and the transition process for active projects. Additional educational materials for Click™ IACUC and EHS components will be available in 2018.

Please share this letter with faculty, graduate students, and staff in your College or Department and encourage them to participate in upcoming educational opportunities. For additional information, please visit the Research Administration Project website or contact me at coopert@msu.edu.

Thank you for your support of the Research Administration Project.

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