

Mattox, Brent S

From: Mattox, Brent S
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2006 11:03 AM
To: Raines, Angelia
Subject: RE: Samuels Response

Did you send it as an attachment or is it coming by snail mail? I didn't get an attachment, if that is the case. I certainly will be interested in seeing it.

Thanks,

Brent

-----Original Message-----

From: Angelia Raines [mailto:ARaines@vprmail.tamu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2006 9:59 PM
To: Mattox, Brent S
Subject: Samuels Response

Brent,

I sent Dr. Samuels response to the Occupational Health and Safety issue to you for review and feedback. Please let me know whether his plan is adequate.

Thanks much!

Angelia Raines
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From: Mattox, Brent S
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2006 7:49 AM
To: Mattox, Brent S; 'Van Wilson'
Cc: Raines, Angelia
Subject: RE: Elevated Titers for Q-Fever (Coxiella Burnetii)
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This information will be shared with the Provost this morning. Does anyone have anything they would like to add?

Brent

From: Mattox, Brent S
Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2006 4:58 PM
To: Van Wilson
Cc: Raines, Angelia; Salsman, John M
Subject: FW: Elevated Titers for Q-Fever (Coxiella Burnetii)

Dr. Wilson:

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Hope this helps,

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From: Mattox, Brent S
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 5:07 PM
To: Raines, Angelia
Cc: Salsman, John M
Subject: Elevated Titers for Q-Fever (Coxiella Burnetii)

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As Institutional Biosafety Officer, the following are observations and recommendations.

1. Elevated titer indicates direct exposure to the organism *Coxiella burnetii*, indicating that laboratory precautions failed to isolate the organism from laboratory personnel. At present, we have no indication of any signs of illness among staff. Q-fever is rarely, if ever (Control of Communicable Diseases Manual, 18th ed., American Public Health Association, pg. 436). The disease is easily treatable with antibiotics. Therefore, there should be little or any risk to other individuals. Isolation or confinement of patients is unnecessary.

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2. Follow-up with Scott & White is recommended.
3. The Laboratory should be carefully decontaminated and safety procedures reviewed, including the use of personal protective equipment.

In summary, follow-up with Scott & White or a personal Physician should be documented, laboratory procedures evaluated, and thorough decontamination of surfaces and any reusable protective equipment (lab coats or scrubs). EHSD will follow up with the IBC and the Principal Investigator to determine if any additional steps are necessary. Again, there is no evidence the organism has breached the BL3 Laboratory containment.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 845-2132.

Sincerely,

Brent S. Mattox, CIH
Biological Safety Officer

This is the correspondence I originally sent out through the Office of Compliance. I just corresponded with with Dr. Wilson, who hopefully will have me an email by tomorrow morning verifying step 3. If I get it, I will forward it to you prior to 9 AM.

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