

From: [Bulls, Michelle \(NIH/OD\) \[E\]](#)
To: [Chief GMOs](#)
Cc: [Bulls, Michelle \(NIH/OD\) \[E\]](#); [Ta, Kristin \(NIH/OD\) \[E\]](#)
Subject: Award Revision Guidance and List of Terminated Grants via letter on 3/12
Date: Thursday, March 13, 2025 4:03:00 PM
Attachments: [Termination Categories 3.13.25.docx](#)
[Terminated Grants 3-12 no subprojects.xlsx](#)

Chiefs,

Attached are two items: 1) updated categories for you to use when issuing NOAs to officially terminate the awards where letters were issued, and 2) the list of termination letters that were issued yesterday. Please revise your NOAs related to the attached list by next **Wednesday, March 13, 2025, cob**. It is extremely important that issue the revised awards timely. If there are delays, please let me know and we can try to help somehow/some way. I appreciate you all.

Please save this guidance until we can clear the updated staff guidance, and you will need this to issue revised awards. Note: If your IC is not listed on the attached spreadsheet – no action is required, at this time.

Guidance for IC staff to use when terminating awards identified by HHS or the IC due to DEI or other agency priorities.

- Issue a revised NOA.
 1. Change the budget and project period end dates to match the date of the termination letter.
 2. OPERA will place a hard funds restriction on all documents within the excel spreadsheet. Do not deobligate any funds when you issue the revised award to terminate the projects. If there are no animals and humans, FFR-C will deobligate the awards after the Final FFRs are submitted. No deobligation actions required from the ICs.
 3. Remove all future years from the project, where applicable. If the grant is in a no cost extension, and HHS requests a termination, the project must be terminated.
 4. Termination Term to be used **DELETE THE OLD TERM RELATED TO DOLLAR AMOUNTS FOR HARD FUNDS RESTRICTIONS – IT IS NO LONGER APPLICABLE.**

It is the policy of NIH not to prioritize **[insert termination category language]**. Therefore, this project is terminated. **[RECIPIENT NAME]** may request funds to support patient safety and orderly closeout of the project. Funds used to support any other research activities will be disallowed and recovered. Please be advised that your organization, as part of the orderly closeout process will need to submit the necessary closeout documents (i.e., Final Research Performance Progress Report, Final Invention Statement, and the Final Federal Financial Report (FFR), **as applicable**) within 120 days of the end of this grant. NIH is taking this enforcement action in accordance with [2 C.F.R. § 200.340](#) as implemented in [NIH GPS Section 8.5.2](#). This revised award represents the final decision of the NIH. It shall be the final decision of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) unless within 30 days after receiving this decision you mail or email a written notice of appeal to Dr. Matthew Memoli. Please include a

copy of this decision, your appeal justification, total amount in dispute, and any material or documentation that will support your position. Finally, the appeal must be signed by the institutional official authorized to sign award applications and must be dated no later than 30 days after the date of this notice.

Thanks,
Michelle