Containment Laboratory Community Advisory Committee:
Questions for Operators of High Containment Laboratories

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1. What is this institution's mission?
2. What research are you conducting?   How much of the research is considered dual-use?
3. What pathogens do you/ will you work with?
4. How large is this facility, i.e. square footage of BSL-3 and square footage of BSL-4.
5. How many people will work in the labs?
6. Who runs the labs? Who does the contractor report to in the federal sector?
7. Will you conduct any classified research?
8. Who decides what research you will conduct?
9. What is the status of the new building? When will the building go hot? What were the issues with the building that delayed its commissioning and what is being done to address them?
10. How do you coordinate with the other NIBC labs re: potential accidents, events or emergencies?
11. How do your biosecurity, biosafety and personnel reliability programs differ from USAMRIID's?
12. What are your memoranda of understanding with Fort Detrick, city and county, hospital vis a vis emergency preparedness?
13. Who do officials call to get health and safety-related information? Who does the Frederick Public Health Department call with questions?
14. Who decides when a worker may need to be quarantined or treated? Who else is that decision coordinated with?
15. Where would infected workers be treated? How do they get there?
16. In case of accident, incident or emergency what triggers public notification? When is the public notified and by whom?
17. How often do your institutional biosafety committees meet; who generally serves on them, i.e. from what internal and external organizations?
18. What is your external safety review program and who does the reviewing?
19. From NBACC's perspective, how specifically do you coordinate on community health and safety and emergency preparedness with the rest of NIBC? How does the management structure interface with the rest of NIBC and the garrison?