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Fwd: opinion if IRB approval is needed

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Wed, Mar 13, 2019 at 8:16 PM

Here you go.

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From: **Papenfuss, Carmen** <ctgreen@vt.edu>
Date: Mon, Jul 20, 2015 at 9:16 AM
Subject: Re: opinion if IRB approval is needed
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Good Morning Tess,

IRB approval is not necessary.

Thank you for checking in.

Sincerely,
Carmen

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Date: Friday, July 17, 2015 4:45 PM
To: Carmen Green <ctgreen@vt.edu>
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Hi Carmen,

I spoke with Debbie Geiger about whether or not I would need IRB approval for a research project for which I just received funding. Her opinion was that I would not need approval, but she wanted me to follow up with you to confirm this.

The goal of the project is to provide improved design guidance to practicing engineers in the area of stream restoration. We will be modifying existing design guidance based on recent research findings, summarizing this in a series of short documents, and then getting feedback from practitioners. The feedback from engineers and environmental managers (county-level staff) will be in the form of responses to a survey and a discussion held during a workshop. So, we will be asking professionals in the field of stream restoration for their professional opinions about what does or does not work in stream restoration design.

In your opinion, do we need IRB approval? We are researching stream restoration design techniques and part of the information we are using is the professional experience of practitioners. The results of the research will be published on our web site for use by engineers in our field.

If you have any questions, just let me know.

Thanks,

Tess

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Fri, Mar 15, 2019 at 10:56 AM

Thank you.

Sorry for freaking out a bit. I do vaguely remember you mentioning this now, but I couldn't remember going through a long, involved "approval process" (because we didn't!) so I wasn't sure what to think.

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