
Animal Biosafety

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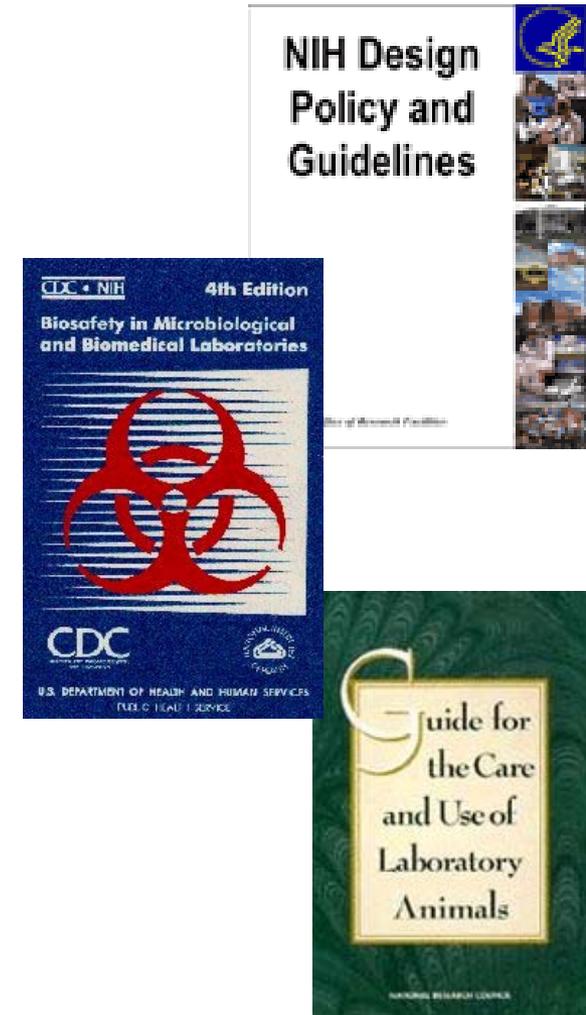
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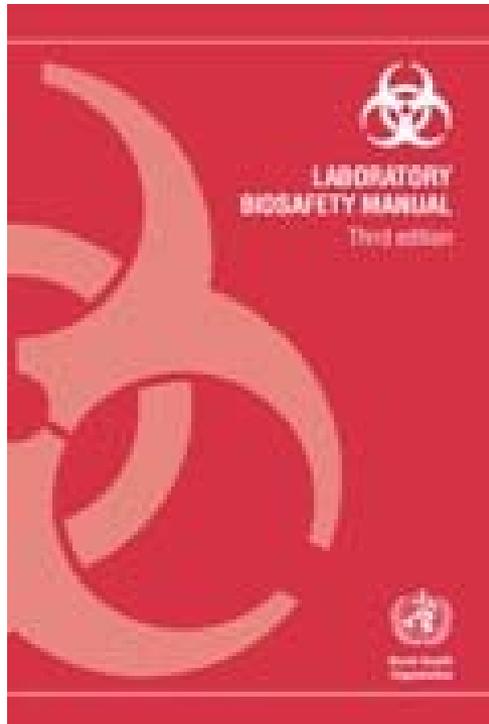
U.S. Guidelines

- **BMBL, 4th ed.**
- **NIH Design Policy and Guidelines**
- **Guide for the Care and Use of laboratory Animals**
- **Animal Welfare Act**
- **Other Publications**



See CD for these publications

International Guidelines



WHO Laboratory Biosafety Manual 2004

3rd edition at:

www.who.int/csr/resources/publications/biosafety/Biosafety7.pdf

See CD for manual

Risk Assessment

- **Prior to construction perform risk assessment**
- **Risk = Likelihood of harm arising from use of biological agents**
 - **Potential for staff exposure to agent/zoonoses**
 - **Cross contamination potential**
 - **Experiment type and number**
 - **Animal species and number**
- **Information from assessment is utilized to determine facility features necessary to minimize risk associated with activities:**
 - **Shower in/out**
 - **Effluent decontamination**
 - **HEPA filtration**
 - **SOPs**

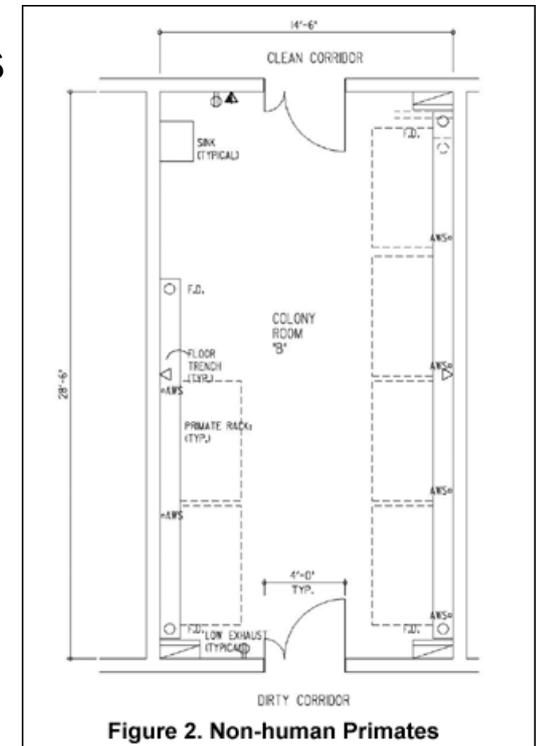
Construction and Design Considerations

- **Materials**
 - Sturdy, nonporous
 - Easy to clean/decontaminate
- **Ventilation and air handling**
- **Waste management system**
- **Fire Protection**
- **Communication system**
- **Laundry facility/ receiving**
- **Animal housing, procedures and disposal**
 - Necropsy
 - Incineration
- **Security**
 - Animal protection
 - Staff
 - Equipment
 - Data
 - Facility

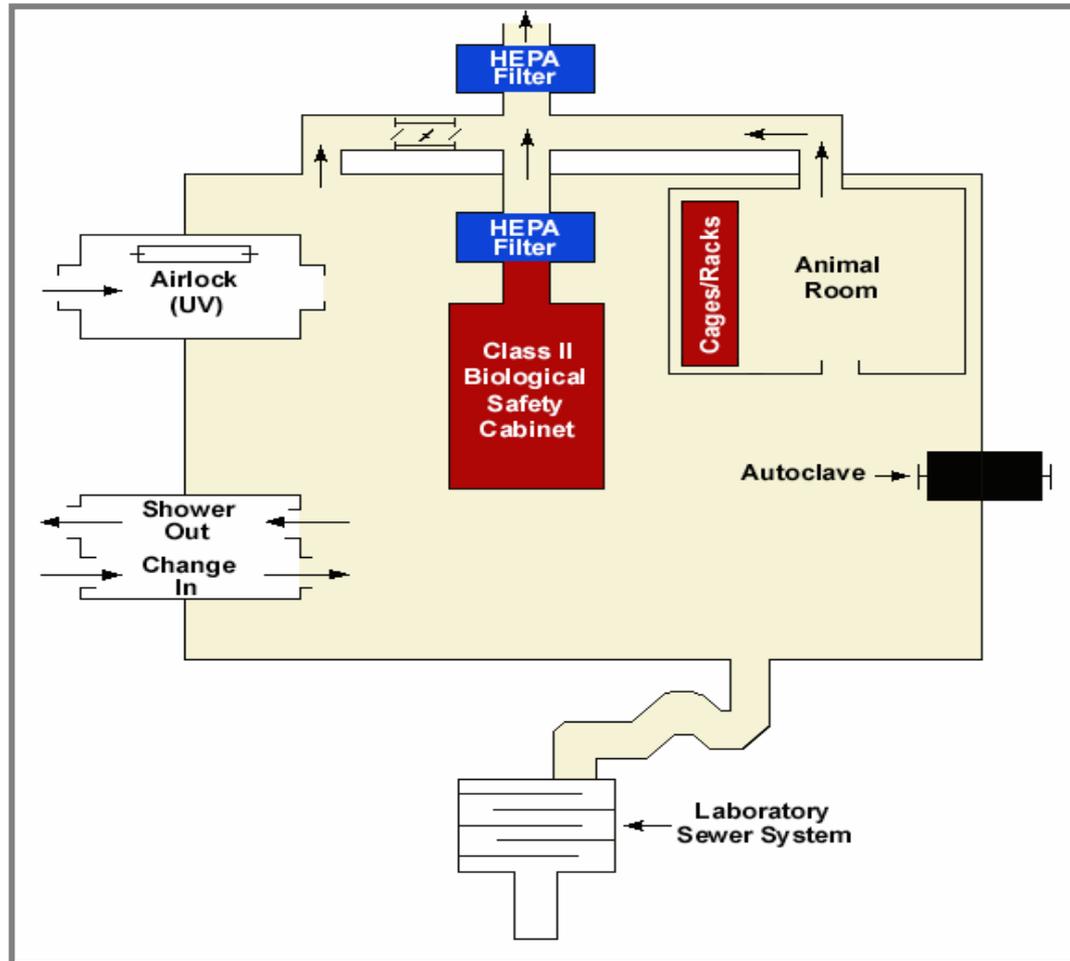


Other Facility Considerations

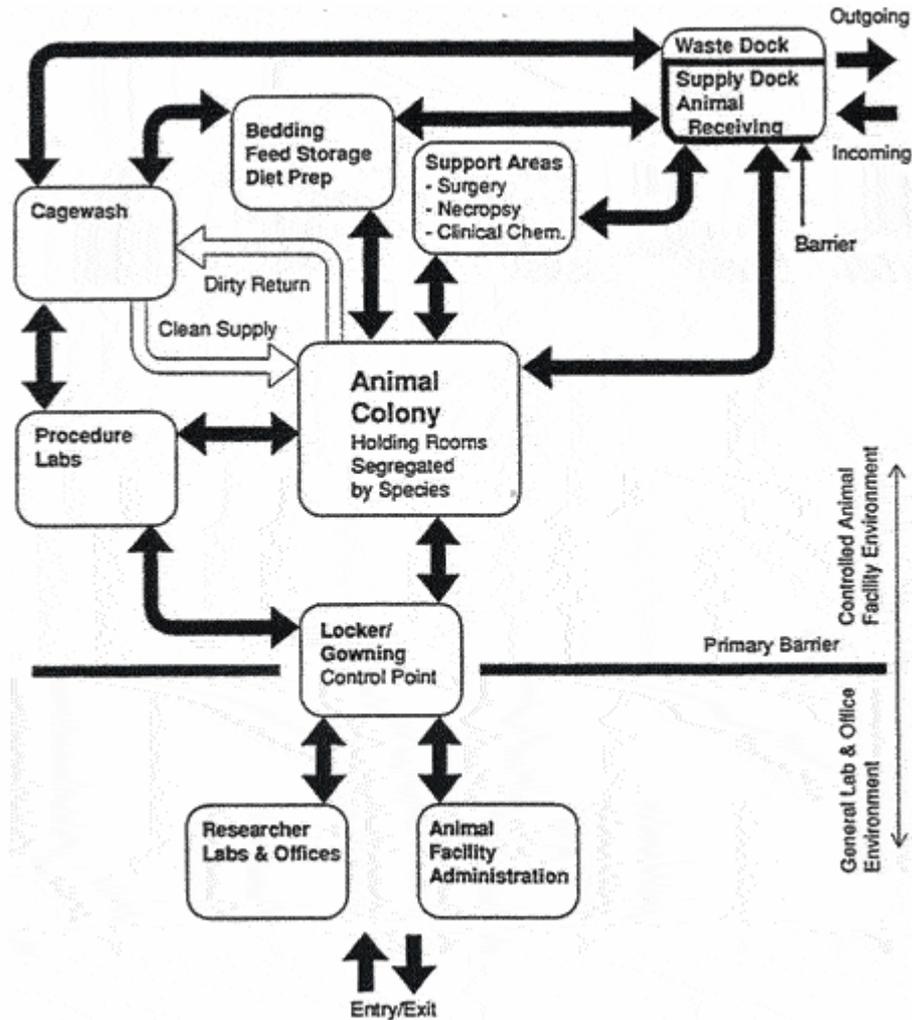
- House animals away from public parts of laboratory
- Lighting, temperature and humidity controls
- Visualization without disturbance
- Housing for different species or animal size
- Housing for different biological agents
- Decontamination (facility and effluent)
- Cage decontamination and washing
- Animal delivery/receipt and quarantine
- Animal movement within facility
- Infestation program



Animal Room in BSL-3 Lab

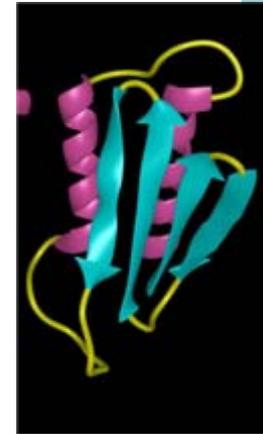
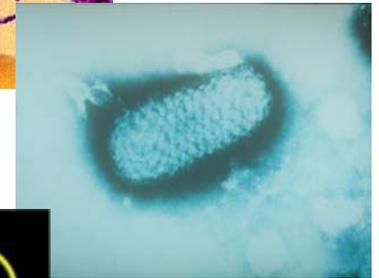
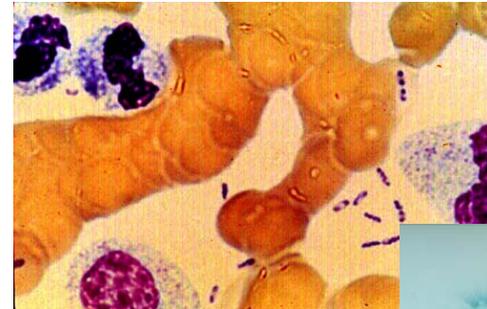


ABSL-3 Floor Plan



Biological Agent Considerations

- **Agent characteristics**
 - Transmissibility
 - Infectivity
 - Stability
- **Modes of transmission**
 - Aerosol
 - Vector-borne
- **Concentration of biological agent used for experiments**
- **Excretion routes**



Animal Considerations

- **Safety**
 - **Animal**
 - **Personnel**
- **Species**
- **Size and number**
- **Aggressiveness**
- **Natural parasites**
- **Zoonotic disease**
 - **Some zoonoses don't cause symptoms in animals**
- **Potential blood and body fluid exposure**
- **Animal identification protocols**
- **Animal health, well-being**



See CD for Animal Care and Use Guidelines

Animal Care and Use

- **Animal Care**
 - **Care providers should be properly trained**
 - **Care providers are important in the experimental process**
 - **Prevention of cross contamination**
 - **Animal health**
 - **Animal comfort**
- **Animal Experiment Considerations**
 - **Start with smaller, less expensive animals in early experimental stages**
 - **Use larger animals only when experiments with smaller animals succeed and there is a need to use other species**
 - **Use only as many animals as absolutely necessary**
 - **Consider animal comfort**
 - **Use only ethical, humane and approved methods for experimentation, anesthesia, euthanasia**

Animal Record Keeping

- **Date of receipt**
- **Source**
- **Species and gender**
- **Animal identification (ear tags, tattoos)**
- **Pertinent characteristics**
- **Experimental protocols**
- **Biological agents utilized**
- **Medical and diagnostic procedures**
- **Final disposition**



Housing Considerations

- **Dependent on size and species**
- **Types**
 - **Cages**
 - **Group housing**
 - **Runs**
- **House animals away from**
 - **Sharps**
 - **Equipment**
 - **Animals in other vessels**
- **Housing should prevent escape**
- **Aerosolization likely**
 - **Animal activity**
 - **Cleaning**



Animal Biosafety Levels

- **If experimental animals are used, institutional management must provide facilities and staff established practices that reasonably ensure appropriate levels of environmental quality, safety, and care**
- **Four biosafety levels differentiated for animal experiments (ABSL 1- 4)**



ABSL 1

- **This level is suited for work involving well-characterized agents that are not known to cause diseases in healthy adult humans, and the are of minimal potential hazard to laboratory personnel and the environment**
- **Standard microbiological practices are employed**
- **Basic primary and secondary barriers are used**

ABSL 2

- **This level involves practices for work with those agents associated with human disease**
- **It addresses hazards from ingestion as well as from percutaneous and mucous membrane exposure**



ABSL 2

- **Access to animal rooms is limited to the fewest number of individuals possible**
- **Appropriate medical surveillance program is in place**
- **All procedures are carefully performed to minimize the creation of aerosols**
- **Animal care laboratory and support personnel receive appropriate training on any potential hazards**

ABSL 3

- **This level involves practices suitable for work with animals infected with indigenous or exotic agents that present the potential of aerosol transmission and of causing serious or potentially lethal disease**
- **All requirements for ABSL 2 must be met, in addition to the specific requirements for ABSL 3**

ABSL 3

- **Cages are autoclaved and thoroughly decontaminated before bedding is removed and before they are cleaned and washed.**
- **All waste from the animal room must be autoclaved prior to incineration or other appropriate terminal treatment.**
- **Materials not related to the experiment are not permitted in the animal room.**



BSL 3 Ag Considerations

- **Large Animal Species**
- **No Primary Containment Equipment**
- **Facility is the Primary Barrier**
- **Environmental Protection**
- **Resistant, Skid-proof Surfaces**
- **Animal receipt; movement in facility**
- **Special restraint equipment (squeeze chute)**
- **Decontamination/sterilization of waste and effluent**
- **HEPA Filter treatment of exhaust and supply air, and also plumbing vents**
- **Provision for personnel changing rooms and “Shower Out” capability**
- **Some restriction on contact with domestic animals**



ABSL 4

- **This level involves practices suitable for addressing dangerous or exotic agents that pose a high risk of life threatening disease, aerosol transmission, or related agents with unknown risk of transmission**
- **Must have maximum containment equipment, such as a Class III BSC or partial containment equipment in combination with full-body, air-supplied, positive pressure suit, used for all procedures and activities**

Animal Equipment

- **Small animal cages**



Animal BSL-2

- Containment caging should be used as appropriate for the species
- Cages must only be opened in biosafety cabinets



ABSL-3

- **Physical separation from access corridors**
- **Animals in containment cages**
- **Cubicles sometimes used for segregating caging units**



Wastewater Treatment



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Animal Facility Containment: Summary of Practices and Safety Equipment

Risk Group	Animal Containment Level	Lab Practices and Safety Equipment
1	ABSL-1	Limited access: Protective clothing, Gloves
2	ABSL-2	ABSL-1 requirements. Hazard signs; Class I or II BSC; Decontamination of waste and cages before washing
3	ABSL-3	ABSL-2 requirements. Controlled access; BSC; Special protective clothing for all activities
4	ABSL-4	ABSL-3 requirements. Strictly limited access; Clothing change prior to entry; Class III BSC or positive pressure suits; Shower on exit; Decontamination of all wastes prior to removal from facility

WHO Lab Biosafety Manual, 3rd edition

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Common Engineering Features of Animal Biosafety Levels

Examples

	Directional Airflow	Double Door Entry	Autoclave Available	Pass-through Autoclave	Seamless Floors*	Monolithic Ceilings *	HEPA Filtered Exhaust	HEPA Filtered Supply	Supply/exhaust interlock	Personnel Shower	Airlock Entry	Pressure Differential	Restricted Access	Effluent Decontamination	Incinerator	Breathing Air System				
BSL-3 Animal Facility	●		●	●	●	●	●		●	●			●							
BSL-3 AG Lab & Animal	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●					
BSL-4 Lab & Animal	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●				

* Construction for easy cleaning and decontamination

