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Re: Maryland's Biological Agents Registry (BAR) Program and Incident Reports

Pursuant to Maryland State law (Health-General Article, §§17.601 et seq., Annotated Code of Maryland and the Code of Maryland Regulations [COMAR] 10.10.11), the Laboratories Administration's Office of Laboratory Emergency Preparedness and Response (OLEPR) maintains Maryland's BAR Program. The federal Select Agent Program requires registered facilities to complete an APHIS/CDC Form 3 (Incident Form to Report Potential Theft, Loss, Release, or Occupational Exposure) document every time a biological agent incident has occurred. State regulations require registered facilities to submit documentation (either an APHIS/CDC Form 3 or a MDH Form 3) to the BAR Program within 10 days after the biological agent incident has occurred.

A biological agent incident is defined as a breach of containment or imminent threat of a breach of containment of a biological agent that poses an immediate threat to an individual's health and safety, and includes any situation that may cause or potentially cause an exposure to or release of a biological agent.

Questions may be directed to the OLEPR at 443-681-3789.