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You've been approved to wait – for other approvals.

In this scenario, a PI received IACUC approval to begin animal work that uses hazardous substances. But the work began before they received the required Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) approval. Consequently, the work was halted by EHS because of this noncompliance.

To prevent future noncompliance regarding hazardous substances, the IACUC subsequently required all EHS and safety committee reviews, approvals, and SOPs to be attached to the IACUC proposal. However, post-approval monitors and the EHS soon discovered that labs often fail to update these documents after the IACUC proposal was approved.

Does the institution's process of attaching the safety approvals and SOPs to the IACUC application ensure ongoing program compliance? Read the full article here ([PDF](#)).

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