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REPORT ON WAIVERS APPROVED
TO BOARD STATUTE 2.41.01.140

BACKGROUND

One research project required a petition to waive Statute 2.41.01.140 because of review restrictions on publishing the research results. This waiver has been approved by the Vice President for Research to allow acceptance of the relevant grant or contract, acting in accordance with the University’s research policy on restricted and proprietary research.

OVERVIEW

This project required a waiver to Board Statute 2.41.01.140 because the sponsor considers their data proprietary and would require approval for any publishing to occur. The waiver allowed acceptance of the study, “Low-cost Integrated Blast Acquisition Test Surrogate,” funded by Physical Sciences, Inc. to Cynthia Bir, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Biomedical Engineering in the College of Engineering. The Vice President for Research’s concurrence allows any publications resulting from this project to first obtain approval from the prime sponsor.

The project will provide a shock wave exposure to a surrogate provided by the sponsor and consulting with them regarding levels and types of exposures. There is no academic value to the portion of the testing that will be provided by Dr. Bir, but future work may include the development of a surrogate that could be used for blast exposure assessments, showing potential for a larger Phase II research effort.

Due to the nature of this proprietary research project, permission to publish data and results must be obtained by the contracting officer from Physical Sciences, Inc.