I am planning a research project that involves...

**Non-human data only; Research under primary University oversight involving use of VA resources; Research Centers**

**People or their data † (with or without lab component)**

**People and animals (with or without lab component)**

**Animals only (no people or lab component)**

**Animals and lab component (no people)**

**Lab work only (no people or animals)**

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**Initial Contacts**

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**Initial Committee Review (RDC, IRB, IACUC, SRS, IBC)**

- Your protocol will be reviewed by the RDC ‡

  † If IRB determines that your project is not human studies research, is “exempt” from IRB oversight, and does not involve hazards, RDC will review

- Your protocol will be reviewed by the IRB and the SRS *

- Your protocol will be reviewed by the IACUC and the SRS *

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**Final Review/Approval**

All Protocols must have RDC approval

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**Authorization to Conduct Research**

When you get this signed memo, you can start your project

* and the Institutional Bio-safety Committee (IBC) if required (e.g. use of non-exempt recombinant DNA)

‡ Unless hazards or human/animal use are identified during review