

Expanded Public Access

Is coming soon to more federal
agencies in 2014!

What's Public Access?

- Make the published results of federally funded research freely available to the public within one year of publication
- Require researchers to better account for and manage the digital data resulting from federally funded scientific research

What Federal Agencies?

All that expend >\$100M/year on R&D will be affected!

- NSF
- Agriculture
- Commerce
- Defense
- Education
- Energy
- HHS (not just NIH!)
- Homeland Security
- Transportation
- EPA
- NASA

NIH Public Access Policy

- Effective since 04/07/2008!!
- Statutory requirement to make published results of NIH-funded research freely available with 1 year of publication
- Promotes greater scientific access
- Compliance evidenced by “**PMCID**” ID
- Policy Problem: **No “teeth”**
- **...until now...**

NIH Public Access Enforcement

- “Teeth”: no compliance = no approval of annual renewal ...i.e. no \$\$\$ ☹️
- Eff. 07/01/13 start dates: annual progress reports’ publications must reflect compliance
- Major awards’ investigators are the first to experience impact
- New RPRR will bring it home to awards that permit SNAP

“Major” NIH Awards

- Affected: PIs attempting to file annual progress reports for renewals eff. 07/01/2013
- PIs must download evidence of compliance into report from “My NCBI”
- “My NCBI”, an online tool since 2010, lists all publications stemming from funding and compliance/non-compliance

“Regular” NIH Awards

- NIH is adopting use of the new Research Performance Progress Report (RPPRs) for all Streamlined Non-competing Award Process (SNAP) and Fellowship Awards
- The RPPR will require PIs to automatically incorporate a list from My NCBI of publications stemming from the progress report’s funding

What's the problem?

- PIs confuse PMID (PubMed) with PMCID (PubMed Central)
- PIs must deliver peer-reviewed publication to PubMed Central (PMC)
- Four methods based on the publisher, multiple steps
- PIs must maintain control over all far-flung investigators who reference their NIH grant in a publication

How to help NIH PIs?

- Refer PIs to the local GW Expert: Paul Levett (pronounced “Le VET”) in Himmelfarb Library
- 202-994-8478
- Email prlevett@gwu.edu
- Informational website:
<http://libguides.gwumc.edu/NIHcompliance>