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