Mount Sinai School of Medicine
Institutional Biosafety Committee

May 1, 2009

Members Present:  Drs. Bishop, Calfee, Daefler, Miller, Moline, Simon, Tenoever, Wetmur; Ms. Erlitz, Mr. Hauck, Ms. Meseck.

Also Present:  Drs. Basler, Bouvier, Garcia-Sastre, Lowen, Goldschlager, Seline (?); Ms. Schneier.

Following discussion of swine flu studies at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, the Committee:

- Approved swine influenza studies in the EPF on Annenberg 17, pending shutdown of the current 1918 influenza studies, including decontamination.
- Agreed to follow existing FBI clearance protocol unless NIH/CDC/OBA advises otherwise.
- Agreed that a recombinant strain with Tamiflu resistance cannot be made without RAC approval.
- Agreed that guinea pig studies will take place in the EPF, based on our understanding that the requirement for BSL3 practices in a BSL2 facility could not be accommodated in our second facility.