UPDATE:

All rooms that received and held suspect Taconic shipments were immediately surveyed and screened by Perianal Tape Testing and PCR evaluation. Although many samples are still pending, we can report that at least 2 facilities and 4 rooms have been confirmed to be contaminated with the pinworm *Syphacia obvelata* related to the Taconic contamination. All research teams in rooms that have been confirmed positive received immediate notification of the result and immediate lock down procedures, garb change, and remediation discussion and actions are initiated.

Because of the preliminary test results and known traffic patterns and housing room transfers, our evaluation has expanded to include over 165 rooms and ~ 500 samples encompassing all DLAR managed facilities, including MWRI's animal program.

We are concerned that as additional test results arrive, we may have a broadly dispersed outbreak program impact in our rodent population and would like to meet with the research community using rodent models to review and discuss ongoing screening and future remediation plans.

To that effect we are requesting your attendance at the upcoming pinworm remediation forums.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Please attend or assure lab representation at one of the following:

   Biomedical Science Towers: SBST/BST3/EBST
   June 23, 2014 1:30-3:30pm, Location: S120 BST
   June 26, 2014 10:00am-12:00pm, Location: S120 BST

   River Campus: MIRM, BRDG2, Bio Tech Center (BTC)
   June 26, 2014 11:00am-1:00pm, Location: BTC 3rd Floor Conference Room
   June 30, 2014 2:00-4:00pm, Location: BTC 3rd Floor Conference Room

   Children's Campus: Rangos Research Building (RRB)
June 27, 2014 1:00-3:00pm, Location: 3rd Floor Conference Room
June 30, 2014 10:30am-12:30pm, Location: 3rd Floor Conference Room

Shadyside Campus: HCC
June 26, 2014 1:00-3:00pm, Location: Shadyside Hospital West Wing Conference Room
June 27, 2014 10:00am -12:00pm, Location: Cooper Classroom C

2. Notify your DLAR site team veterinarian or staff of any concerns related to this announcement.

3. Review Pinworm details on how they affect research at:
   or
   JAX NOTES: Understanding and Treating Pinworm Infection in Rodent Colonies - The Jackson Laboratory

4. Updates will be distributed as additional information is confirmed.