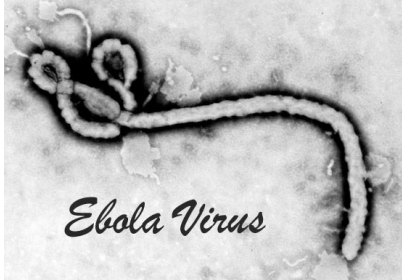


# Bio-terrorism in your backyard?

OHSU has applied for \$200 million dollars of federal tax money to build two biodefense labs at their primate research center in Hillsboro. One would be a Bio-Safety Level 4 laboratory, the highest level of biological security which would house the most virulent contagions such as Ebola, anthrax, smallpox and Hantavirus.



At a recent citizens group meeting, OHSU representatives

- refused to answer whether they would build the labs if there were strong community opposition
- admitted that they did not have control of the use of these labs funded by Homeland Security
- refused to clearly state that the military will not make use of these facilities

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A couple weeks ago, concerned citizens pressured Hillsboro Mayor Tom Hughes into agreeing to a city sponsored public meeting about the proposed bio-terror labs, but the city has not yet arranged such a meeting. **Contact the mayor, voice your opposition to these dangerous bio-installations, and demand he respect citizens wishes and hold a public meeting.**

<http://portland.indymedia.org/en/topic/animalrights/>

**Though these labs would kill thousands of animals in horrific ways while providing no benefit for humans, these labs are not just an animal rights issue.**

The NIH has stated that local public acceptance of the labs will be taken into consideration when awarding the grants. The Portland area's current silence on the proposed biodefense labs makes us very good candidates for them. The NIH decision should be made this September, so now is the time to make your voice heard! The University of California, Davis, is one of the institutions that applied for these grants. Because of overwhelming public outcry, Davis Mayor Susie Boyd reversed her original position and will oppose the project.



**Contact the following and tell them that you will not accept this dangerous, wasteful project.**

Voice your opposition to these labs going into a populated area in Oregon under the supervision of a primate lab with a history of losing monkeys, ignoring safety protocols and risking public safety. OHSU displayed a casual indifference to public concern by responding to the suggestion that it be located in the desert by saying the scientists don't want to go there. There will be no public accountability over safety standards or what uses these government funded labs may be put to.

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At the recent citizen meeting one person commented: "So far, to my knowledge, there's been exactly one bioterrorism incident... in the U.S., some Anthrax attacks... I'm trying to understand the logic here. Now they came from a government funded lab. Okay, so the solution to that is to build more government funded labs?"