Type/Purpose	Approval Chain	Email Notification	Comments
		and When	
New Incoming Records			
IFR for when Grant = YES			1
		AO at approval to Area	
		ADO at approval to Area	
		ONP at approval to Area	
		RL at final approval	
Reimbursable/Trust/Interagency – proposed amount under \$50,000	RL to CD to Area to Approved	PI at final approval	
		AO at Area approval	
		AO at ONP approval	
		Area at ONP approval	
		ADO at ONP approval	
		RL at final approval	
Reimbursable/Trust/Interagency – proposed amount equal to or over \$50,000	RL to CD to Area to ONP to Approved	PI at final approval	
		ONP at approval to Area	
		RL at final approval	
Reimbursable/Trust/Interagency – Research – No Funds to ARS	RL to CD to Area to Approved	PI at final approval	
		AO at ONP approval	HQ OTT is now ADO for all MTRAs
		Area at ONP approval	and CRADAs; OTT (in field) will
		OTT at ONP approval	received email notifications.
		RL at final approval	
CRADA/Material Transfer Research – all purpose of fund types	RL to CD to Area to ONP to Approved	PI at final approval	
		AAOD at Area approval	
		AO at Area approval	
		SBFO at ADO approval	
		RL at final approval	
Services Only	RL to Area to ADO to Approved	PI at final approval	
		AAOD at RL approval	
		AO at RL approval	
		SBFO at Area approval	
		RL at final approval	
Gifts	RL to Area to Approved	PI at final approval	
Reimbursable/Trust/Interagency – All Research – under and over \$50,000 and		RL/HQ designee at final approval	
No Funds to ARS for – [HQ; NAL(82)	Initiator to ONP to Approved	PI at final approval	
		OTT at ONP approval	HQ OTT is now ADO for all MTRAs
CRADA/Material Transfer – Research under and over \$50,000 and No Funds to		RL/HQ designee at final approval	and CRADAs; OTT (in field) will
ARS for – [HQ; NAL(82)	Initiator ONP to Approved	PI at final approval	received email notifications.
		AAOD at initiator/final approval	
		AO at initiator/final approval	
		SBFO at initiator/final approval	
		RL at final approval	
Gifts/Services Only - [HQ; NAL(82)	Initiator to Approved	PI at final approval	

Type/Purpose	Approval Chain	Email Notification and When	Comments
New Incoming Records – continued			
IFR for when Grant = NO			
	Foreign agreements: RL to CD to Area to ONP to EAD to approved	AO at approval to Area ADO at approval to Area ONP at approval to Area	
Reimbursable/Trust/Interagency – proposed amount under \$25,000	Domestic agreements: RL to CD to Area to ADO to Approved	RL at final approval PI at final approval	
	Foreign agreements: RL to CD to Area to ONP to EAD to approved	AO at approval to Area ADO at approval to Area ONP at approval to Area	
Reimbursable/Trust/Interagency – proposed amount under \$50,000	Domestic agreements: RL to CD to Area to ADO to Approved	RL at final approval PI at final approval	
	Foreign agreements: RL to CD to Area to ONP to EAD to approved	AO at Area approval AO at ONP approval Area at ONP approval	
Reimbursable/Trust/Interagency – proposed amount equal to or over \$50,000	Domestic agreements: RL to CD to Area to ONP to ADO to Approved	ADO at ONP approval RL at final approval PI at final approval	
Reimbursable/Trust/Interagency – Research – No Funds to ARS	RL to CD to Area to Approved	ONP at approval to Area RL at final approval PI at final approval	
CRADA/Material Transfer Research – all purpose of fund types	PL to CD to Area to ONB to ADO to Approved	AO at ONP approval Area at ONP approval OTT at ONP approval RL at final approval PI at final approval	HQ OTT is now ADO for all MTRAs and CRADAs; OTT (in field) will received email notifications.
	RL to CD to Area to ONP to ADO to Approved	AAOD at Area approval AO at Area approval SBFO at ADO approval RL at ADO/final approval	
Services Only	RL to Area to ADO to Approved	PI at ADO/final approvalAAOD at RL approvalAO at RL approvalSBFO at Area approvalRL at final approval	
Gifts	RL to Area to Approved	PI at final approval	
Reimbursable/Trust/Interagency – All Research – under and over \$50,000 and No Funds to ARS for – [HQ; NAL(82)	Initiator to ONP to ADO to Approved	RL/HQ designee at final approval PI at final approval	
CRADA/Material Transfer – <i>Research under and over \$50,000 and No Funds to</i> ARS for – [HQ; NAL(82)	Initiator to ONP to Approved	OTT at ONP approval RL/HQ designee at final approval PI at final approval	HQ OTT is now ADO for all MTRAs and CRADAs; OTT (in field) will received email notifications.

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		AAOD at initiator/final approval	
		AO at initiator/final approval	
		SBFO at initiator/final approval	
		RL at final approval	
Gifts/Services Only - [HQ; NAL(82)	Initiator to Approved	PI at final approval	
Modification to Incoming Records until AIMS is added (prior to notifi			
		AO at approval to Area	
		ADO at approval to Area	
		ONP at approval to Area	
		RL at final approval	
Reimbursable/Trust/Interagency – proposed amount under \$50,000	RL to CD to Area to Approved	PI at final approval	
		AO at Area approval	
		AO at ONP approval	
		Area at ONP approval	
		ADO at ONP approval	
		RL at final approval	
Reimbursable/Trust/Interagency – proposed amount equal to or over \$50,000	RL to CD to Area to ONP to Approved	PI at final approval	
		AO at ONP approval	
		Area at ONP approval	
		OTT at ONP approval	HQ OTT is now ADO for all MTRAs
		RL at final approval	and CRADAs; OTT (in field) will
CRADA/Material Transfer Research – all purpose of fund types	RL to CD to Area to ONP to Approved	PI at final approval	received email notifications.
Reimbursable/Trust/Interagency – All Research – under and over \$50,000 and		RL/HQ designee at final approval	
No Funds to ARS for – [HQ; NAL(82)	Initiator to ONP to Approved	PI at final approval	
		OTT at ONP approval	HQ OTT is now ADO for all MTRAs
CRADA/Material Transfer – Research under and over \$50,000 and No Funds to		RL/HQ designee at final approval	and CRADAs; OTT (in field) will
ARS for – [HQ; NAL(82)	Initiator to ONP to Approved	PI at final approval	received email notifications.
Modification to Incoming Records requiring no AIMS			
		AO at RL approval	
		Area at RL approval	
		SBFO at ADO approval	
		RL at final approval	
Services Only	RL to ADO to Approved	PI at final approval	
		AO at RL approval	
		Area at RL approval	
		SBFO at RL approval	
		RL at final approval	
Gifts	RL to Approved	PI at final approval	

Type/Purpose	Approval Chain	Email Notification and When	Comments	
		AO at RL approval		
		Area at RL approval		
		SBFO at RL approval RL at final approval		
Reimbursable/Trust/Interagency – Research - No Funds to ARS	RL to Approved	PI at final approval		
Modification to Incoming Records when and after AIMS is added				
		AO, Area, and ONP at RL or		
		initiator approval		
		AO and Area at ONP approval		
		AO, Area, and SBFO at EAD		
	Foreign agreements:	approval RL at final approval		
	RL to ONP to EAD to Approved	PI at final approval		
		AO, Area, and ONP at RL or		
		initiator approval	NOTE: If NOT ARS agreement	
		AO, Area, SBFO at ADO approval	holder, approval chain is RL to	
	Domestic agreements:	RL at final approval	approved with email notification	
Reimbursable/Trust/Interagency with funds and all funding levels	RL to ADO to Approved	PI at final approval	as indicated	
		AO, Area, ONP at RL or initiator		
		approval AO and Area at ONP approval	NOTE: HQ OTT ADO is now ADO	
		AO, Area, SBFO at ADO approval	for all MTRAs and CRADAs; OTT	
		RL at final approval	(in the field) will receive email	
CRADA/Material Transfer Research – all purpose of fund types	RL to Area to ONP to ADO to Approved	PI at final approval	notifications;	
To Coop (when ADO marks "To Coop" box)				
		PI when "To Coop" box is checked		
All incoming agreements with AIMS	n/a	by ADO		
Renumbering Only (this will always be a Correction "C")				
		Area at RL approval		
Reimbursable/Trust/Interagency/CRADA/MTRA	RL to Approved	AO at RL approval	-	
Budget Postings				
		AO at SBFO approval		
		Area at SBFO approval		
Services Only		RL at final approval		
Services Only	SBFO to BPMS to Approved	PI at final approval		
		AO at SBFO approval Area at SBFO approval		
		RL at final approval		
Gifts	SBFO to BPMS to Approved	PI at final approval		

Type/Purpose	Approval Chain	Email Notification and When	Comments
CRADA/MTRACRADA/MTRA CRADA/MTRA	SBFO to BPMS to Approved	AO at SBFO approval Area at SBFO approval OTT-ADO at SBFO approval OTT at SBFO approval RL at final approval PI at final approval	
All other agreement types	SBFO to BPMS to Approved	AO at SBFO approval Area at SBFO approval ADO at SBFO approval RL at final approval PI at final approval	
Closeouts (with AIMS)			
All other agreement types	ADO to Approved	AO at ADO approval Area at ADO approval RL at final approval PI at final approval	
NOTES:			
1. The approval chain starts at the level of initiation of the action			
 AD or Area refers to Area office – PA will receive the email Final approval for any action represents the last level prior to moving to the Active file 			