



**The Conflict of Interest Advisory Committee meets monthly on the third Wednesday.** Complete case materials must be submitted to [coi@lbl.gov](mailto:coi@lbl.gov) not later than 7 (seven) working days prior to meeting date.

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The LBNL Conflict of Interest Advisory Committee (COIAC or committee) acts under the authority of the Laboratory Director and is charged with independently assessing the significance of financial interests associated with proposed outside professional activities of principal investigators and others involved in the design, conduct, and reporting of research to be performed under Contract 31, regardless of funding source. The committee will make a written recommendation to the Deputy Director concerning approval of the proposed compensated outside professional activity, and if applicable, appropriate strategies to manage, reduce, or eliminate associated conflicts of interest. The COIAC may utilize an expedited review process when the research-related financial interest is reportable but otherwise *de minimis* in nature, or when the research-related financial interest previously has been reviewed and the relevant facts are unchanged.

In assessing potential research-related financial conflicts of interest, the COIAC is guided by UC-DOE contract requirements as well as requirements established in the early 1980s by the State of California and in October 1995 by the Public Health Service (PHS) and the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The COIAC's independent assessment of potential conflicts of interest promotes integrity in the research enterprise. The committee is staffed by the Institutional Assurance and Integrity Office.