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**Subject:** NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy – Guidance on NIH Element 6 on Oversight

Good afternoon. As has been previously communicated, [NIH's new Policy for Data Management and Sharing](#) is effective on January 25, 2023. NIH's policy requires researchers to submit a Data Management and Sharing Plan with most NIH applications and to implement the approved plan if a project is funded.

In response to the release of the NIH's [optional DMS Plan format page](#), we have received questions related to Element 6: Oversight of Data Management and Sharing, which states: "Describe how compliance with this Plan will be monitored and managed, frequency of oversight, and by whom at your institution (e.g., titles, roles)."

The PI will want to consider what is a reasonable oversight methodology for their proposed project. Building on one of the samples from NIH as a template, we have developed an option for language below that investigators may choose to use as a starting point in drafting their response for Element 6. Please note that the paragraph as written may need adjustments or may not work for the specific project/staffing and/or NIH specific direction in a Request for Applications (RFA). The PI may need to modify or create their own wording to communicate planned oversight. Please also be aware that SPA/OSP/CGA\* does not plan to assume responsibility for monitoring oversight with DMS plans.

*Data will be submitted by a project data manager from the PI's project team. The data manager will oversee data collection, analysis, storage, and sharing. Compliance with the plan will be monitored by the PI routinely. The PI will conduct periodic meetings with key study personnel to ensure the timeliness of data entry and will review data to ensure quality of data entry. The PI is aware of MSU resources at: [Data Management Plans-Resources for MSU](#). The PI will ensure data are submitted and shared according to this DMSP.*

Please reach out to Erin Schlicher ([schlic11@msu.edu](mailto:schlic11@msu.edu)), or me ([reighley@msu.edu](mailto:reighley@msu.edu)) with questions or comments. Topic-specific questions can also be directed to the following areas:

- MSU Libraries – DMP Support (research [data@lib.msu.edu](mailto:data@lib.msu.edu))
- MSU Research IT Support ([researchIT@msu.edu](mailto:researchIT@msu.edu))
- Pre-award Support – [OSP Contacts by College](#)

Thank you for sharing this email with those that will be developing plans in your units.

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