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Hi All,

Just forwarding the minor update. One thing that the program officer Renee stressed was that they'd appreciate it if we just referred any questions about DARPA (e.g., their interests or motivations with this program) to DARPA rather than having any of us speculating about it. Seems fair and reasonable to me certainly.

Thanks, John

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Safe Genes Teams,

I am writing to confirm that DARPA plans to lift the embargo on the Safe Genes press release at 2 PM EST, tomorrow, July 19. I am attaching the updated EMBARGOED copy, with some minor edits requested by a few of the teams. Some of you have already shared your own news updates with us (thank you!), and I encourage everyone to do so. There were a few mistakes we caught regarding description of the contracts, etc, that we would like to have the opportunity to correct those discrepancies before the releases go live.

You may have already been contacted by journalists - feel free to discuss your efforts, and do remember to point them DARPA's way if there are any specific questions about our specific role/interests, etc comes up.

Thank you!

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Dear Safe Genes Teams,

Thank you for all your timely responses to the request for comments on your project summaries for the DARPA Safe Genes Press Release. In preparation for the public announcement of Safe Genes, attached is the embargoed copy of the press release that DARPA plans to release at 2 pm EST on Wednesday, July 19, 2017. \*That date and time will be confirmed tomorrow.\*

If you plan to send out a press release to coincide with that announcement, please remember to send it to DARPA as a courtesy. If you share this copy with your subcontractors, please be sure to have them also abide by the embargo, and DARPA recommends that the subcontractors share their own press releases with the prime for comment (also feel free to share with DARPA as a courtesy as well).

Please also remember to limit your own discussion of the program to your specific project and technologies. You may refer any inquiry about DARPA specifically to [Outreach@darpa.mil](mailto:Outreach@darpa.mil).

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns and looking forward to the announcements!

Best regards,  
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