As many of you are aware, NIH began the transition from the eSNAP to RPPR (Research Performance Progress Report) format for streamlined non-competing renewals last year. According to NOT-OD-13-035 (http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-13-035.html),

“The use of the eRA Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) Module for submitting Streamlined Noncompeting Award Process (SNAP) and Fellowship progress reports will be required for awards with start dates on or after July 1, 2013 (i.e., due dates on or after May 15, 2013, for SNAP awards and May 1, 2013, for Fellowships). The functionality of the RPPR is also expanding on April 18, 2013 to include requests from the awarding Institutes and Centers (ICs) for additional materials following submission of an RPPR and electronic submission of the additional materials by the grantee.”

Additionally, this notice discusses a new feature in Commons called PRAM, Progress Report Additional Materials. NIH plans its launch of PRAM beginning April 18, 2013.

“The PRAM link will provide either the public access compliance option, the Additional Materials Requested by IC option, or both, depending on which is applicable to the particular RPPR. The grantee may provide (upload) the requested information, route the response to a Signing Official (SO)… (to) submit to agency”

Other recent notices from NIH have underscored the importance of compliance with the NIH Public Access policy. From NOT-OD-12-160 (http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-12-160.html):

“Submitting an RPPR with a non-compliant publication will generate an automated email notifying the grantee that the progress report includes citations that are out of compliance with the public access policy and requesting a response by a specified due date two weeks prior to the next budget start date.”

Also see: NOT-OD-13-017 (http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-13-017.html)

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