

**INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD  
THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA-MISSOULA**

**PROJECTS INVOLVING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

**POLICY:** Whenever feasible, proposals involving indigenous peoples should contain documentation that appropriate governing bodies have given permission for the study.

**PROCEDURES:** Responsibility for obtaining permission from the appropriate governing body of an indigenous people for a human subject research project rests with the investigators. Any stipulations placed on the study by the governing body will be considered for incorporation into the study by the UM IRB. If an investigator has made a documented, good faith effort to obtain permission from an appropriate governing body, and that governing body has been unresponsive within a reasonable length of time, the UM IRB may waive this requirement and allow the study to proceed.

APPROVED: Janice R. Ruppel DATE: April 19, 2003  
Chair, UM IRB