

NIH eRA Commons, Version 2.6.4 Planned Enhancements and Changes

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<i>Change</i>	<i>Description</i>
1. Simplify institutional registration for electronic Non-competing Simplified Application Process (eSNAP) progress reports.	Authorized grantee officials will be able to register their institutions to submit eSNAPs.
2. Remove a fax number requirement.	NIH no longer will require the administrative/signing official fax number on eSNAPs.
3. Perform maintenance to Internet Assisted Review (IAR).	There will be many bug fixes and general maintenance items for IAR.
4. Remove several predefined searches.	NIH will remove several predefined searches ("canned queries") that users can easily create as ad hoc queries from the Status screen for administrators.
5. Facilitate new account verification.	When principal investigators (PIs) with accounts in "pending" status log in to the Commons, the system will present the account verification screen instead of an error message.
6. Implement new security policy regarding user IDs and passwords in email.	Due to new security policies, email messages cannot contain both a user ID and a password. Therefore, NIH will split emails sent by the Commons into two messages, one containing the user ID and the other the password.
7. Enforce Institute and Center (IC) codes.	The system only will accept the 24 valid IC codes in search-criteria screens.
8. Expand eligibility to submit Just-in-Time (JIT) information.	Now applicants with a priority score ≥ 300 that do not receive a percentile are eligible to submit JIT information through the Commons.
9. Lengthen account verification waiting period.	NIH will update email messages to new PI account applicants to change estimated account verification time from 1–2 to 3–5 days or longer.
10. Correct Institutional Review Board (IRB) requirement for JIT submissions.	The system no longer will require an IRB approval date on JIT submissions for exempt protocols.
11. Notify program officers about JIT status.	The NIH program officer will receive an email notification when the applicant submits JIT information.

<p>12. Modify eSNAP grant display restrictions.</p>	<p>NIH will modify the types of grants that eSNAP displays so that they are the same as those for Status. For example, eSNAP now will not display non-NIH grants.</p>
<p>13. Correct eSNAP due dates.</p>	<p>While a PI works on the progress report in the eSNAP module, the system correctly calculates the due date. After the PI submits the report, however, a system error makes the report appear late. The fix will correct this problem.</p>
<p>14. Add link to critique in IAR.</p>	<p>When a user navigates to the "Submit Critique/Score" screen in IAR, if the critique already exists, the screen will present a direct link to the critique.</p>
<p>15. Change Financial Status Report (FSR) rejection letter.</p>	<p>NIH will revise the letter issued when the Office of Financial Management rejects an FSR.</p>
<p>16. Update help screens.</p>	<p>NIH will update and improve Commons Help screens.</p>