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To Whom It May Concern:

Between Thursday, January 17 and Saturday, January 19, two disastrous events struck the University of Illinois at Chicago which has made it impossible for a number of UIC investigators to meet grant submission and reporting deadlines.

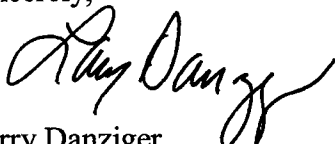
First, a fire in the College of Pharmacy resulted in fire damage to the fourth floor and extensive water and smoke damage throughout the building. UIC facilities personnel and outside contractors who specialize in cleanups of this nature were on site immediately and have been working tirelessly to dry out the building, remove the smoke odor, and conduct inspections and repairs. As a result, the College has been closed and will remain inaccessible for the next several weeks, if not months and all research laboratories have been shut down until further notice.

Second, a breakdown in the heating system and the ensuing flood in the Molecular Biology Research Building (MBRB) which houses many laboratories from the Colleges of Medicine, Pharmacy and Liberal Arts and Sciences, completely shut down building operations. We have not yet been able to resume normal operations in that facility.

Although emergency efforts are underway in both facilities (the College of Pharmacy building and Molecular Biology Research Building), we anticipate a substantial delay in operations for all investigators whose laboratories are housed in these buildings. Accordingly, the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research requests that the UIC investigators affected by these disastrous events be granted an extension for the submission and/or reporting deadlines for their grants.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (danziger@uic.edu; 312-996-9450). In addition, all requests for information may be addressed to my office.

Sincerely,



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Interim Vice Chancellor for Research

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