

# Request for Use of ARF Soil Import Permit

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Status:  faculty,  grad student,  post-doc/visiting scholar,  other: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

The ARF permit for importing soil from outside the Bay Area is issued by the USDA under strict conditions that must be followed. Researchers who wish to bring in soils under the ARF permit should submit this request form, and non-faculty must obtain the signature of an ARF Faculty associate.

The following stipulations apply to using the Soil Import Permit:

- This request applies to one import event according to your plans as listed below. For shipments of soil at a later date please fill out another request form.
- Please read all applicable materials ahead of time regarding collection, packaging, shipment, treatment, etc. of soil samples posted to  
[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant\\_health/permits/organism/soil/downloads/soil-circular.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/permits/organism/soil/downloads/soil-circular.pdf)  
 and <http://arf.berkeley.edu/equipment/laboratory/soils-import-permit>
- The costs involved in importing and analyzing soils, especially for shipping, are your responsibility.
- Imported soils cannot be archived or to be kept for an indefinite period for possible future analysis – they are to be analyzed in a timely manner, sterilized, or shipped away.

Place of origin of soils: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of project: \_\_\_\_\_

Import method:  Shipment via commercially bonded carrier  Hand carry by Applicant

**Note: Applicant must be previously listed on the ARF Permit "hand carry list" to hand carry**

If hand-carrying soils:  
 Date/Time of flight to US: \_\_\_\_\_, Airline/Flight #: \_\_\_\_\_

Port of entry of soils: \_\_\_\_\_ (see list [cbp.gov/xp/cgov/toolbox/contacts/ports/](http://cbp.gov/xp/cgov/toolbox/contacts/ports/))

Estimated amount of soil to be brought in (# of samples or total weight): \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed time frame for analysis in labs: \_\_\_\_\_ End date of study: \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that I have read the above guidelines and agree to abide by them and the proposed plan for importing soils:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Non Berkeley faculty members must also obtain the signature of an ARF Faculty Associate:

Adviser/Faculty Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_