Bio Basics Fact Sheet: 
U of M Requirements for Scrapie Prion Research

The following requirements are for scrapie prions only. Contact the University Biosafety Officer (626-6002) for working with other prions - including Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) and Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD).

- Receive Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) approval by submitting SOPs and an application form to the committee, http://www.research.umn.edu/ibc/. Approved protocols are effective for three years with annual review. 
  **Note:** Laboratory space assignment and animal housing biosafety levels must be included as part of the IBC approval process.
- Follow Biosafety Level 2 requirements as outlined in the Biosafety Level 2 Procedures Fact Sheet.
- All workers must complete lab specific prion training provided by the Principle Investigator or lab supervisor.
- A USDA permit is required to receive and work with animal prions, see http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/index.shtml. 
  **Note:** Import includes crossing state lines.
- Personnel working with prions cannot have contact with any other animal colonies or with susceptible animal species. Prion animal colonies must have separate air supply and exhaust systems (per USDA).