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Prior Approval...

Yes, you read that right. Soon you, Principal Investigators (PIs), will have the power of requesting Prior Approvals electronically! Coming to eRA Commons, PIs will be able to seek prior approval from the granting agency via eRA Commons for submitting applications with direct costs of over $500K or more for any budget year. The request will be initiated and submitted before the submission of the grant application. The PI will need to provide justification for the request, along with a detailed budget that will be uploaded as a 10 page limit PDF.

PIs will also be able to initiate requests electronically to withdraw their applications. These requests will be routed to a Signing Official (SO), who can then submit them. Like the $500K request, they will need to provide a justification for withdrawing the application.

The hope is to add this functionality to eRA Commons by late spring. It is important to remember that the SO can still initiate and submit both types of request.

And wouldn't life be great if we all had this? It would save me the hassle of asking my personal SO (Spouse, Officer-in-charge)... "Hon... can I take the Harley to work?" "Hon... can I watch Star Wars again (for the 317th time)." "Hon... can I take a nap?"

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