



# Office of Foreign Missions

U.S. DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

## INFORMATION FOR RESEARCH FACILITIES

# Visits by Cuban Government Officials to Research Facilities, including National Laboratories, in the United States

The U.S. Department of State requires representatives of the Cuban government to provide prior notification of their visits to and meetings with state, local, and municipal governments; educational institutions, and research facilities, including national laboratories and agricultural facilities.

**WHO DOES THIS IMPACT?** Members of the Cuban Embassy in Washington, DC and Cuban government officials temporarily visiting the United States.

**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?** The Cuban foreign ministry requires U.S. diplomats in Cuba to request permission to interact with key members of Cuban society, including academics, students, and local government officials - and often denies this permission. This U.S. State Department requirement is a reciprocal response to Cuba's restrictions on our diplomats in Cuba. We urge Cuba authorities to allow our diplomats to engage with provincial and local leaders as well as visit Cuban research and educational institutions.

**WHAT ROLE DO YOU HAVE?** This requirement only applies to the Cuban government officials described above. However, you are encouraged to contact the U.S. Department of State, Office of Foreign Missions (OFM), if you have any questions or wish to share any information concerning a past or future visit/meeting with your organization.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** OFM can be reached for this purpose at [OFMTravelServices@state.gov](mailto:OFMTravelServices@state.gov) or by telephone at (202) 695-8282. Additional information can be found on OFM's website at <https://www.state.gov/foreign-missions-travel-controls-program>.