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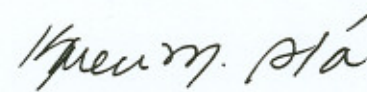
FROM: NIH Privacy Act Officer

SUBJECT: Applicability of the Privacy Act: Pre-testing of NIAID's HIV Vaccine Research Education Initiative Communication Messages

I have reviewed the NIAID/DAIDS submission to OMB requesting approval for the use of the Pre-testing of NIAID's HIV Vaccine Research Education Initiative Communication Messages. I have determined that the Privacy Act will apply to this data collection which involves the collection of personally identifiable records from focus group members, such as name, age, gender, home phone, racial or ethnic background, marital status, level of education, etc. The data will be collected, and stored separately. It will not be de-identified nor aggregated.

The information collected will be used to perform formative research to inform the design of HIV vaccine research communication activities. The data collection is covered by NIH Privacy Act Systems of Record 09-25-0156, "Records of Participants in Programs and Respondents in Surveys Used to Evaluate Programs of the Public Health Service, HHS/PHS/NIH/OD".

If you have any questions, please contact my office at (301) 496-2832.


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