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**Email from NIOSH HSRB Co-Chair, Mark Toraason to Ken Wallingford  
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Ken,

I first want to note that your assessment of the HSRB program was ruled Non-Research on June 4, 2007. For your information, the non-research designation differs from exemption in that a protocol must be submitted and reviewed by CDC before being approved for exemption from HSRB review.

I have reviewed your proposal to modify the Health Hazard Evaluation (HHE) Program Customer Survey program. Despite the fact that with the addition of focus groups you will recruit, consent, and compensate participants, the information you obtain will be used to evaluate an established program and will not be generalizable beyond the HHE program. Therefore, according to CDC policy as defined in "Guidelines for Defining Public Health Research and Public Health Non-Research" this activity is non-research.

This decision will be given the HSRB number 08-DSHEFS NR01 for future reference.

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