

## ***ATTACHMENT 3***

### **Phase III Interview Script and Verbal Consent**

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## Attachment 3A:

### Phase III Interview Script and Verbal Consent for Iowa Respondents

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## AHS PHASE III INTERVIEW TELEPHONE SCRIPTS

Hello, have I reached (FIRST NAME – LAST NAME – JR/SR?)

IF NAMES ARE CONFUSING:

I am trying to reach (FIRST NAME – LAST NAME – JR/SR), who completed a telephone interview or hard copy questionnaire with us several years ago about work and health factors common in the farming community. Have I reached the right person?

### INTRODUCTION

**Hello Ms./Mr. \_\_\_\_\_. This is \_\_\_\_\_ with the Agricultural Health Study at (the University of Iowa/North Carolina). You were sent a letter from Dr. Michael Alavanja recently, letting you know that I would be calling. Do you recall seeing that in your mail?**

**IF NO, DON'T REMEMBER STUDY>>** It's a long-term study designed to follow farmers and their families over a period of time to study protective aspects of health and possible factors of disease. Various diseases among farm families, which are of interest to scientists in this and other countries, are being studied, including the incidence of cancer. You completed a questionnaire for us either at a pesticide certification site, over the phone, or by mail several years ago.

**The reason I'm calling today (tonight) is to update your information. The questions deal with your pesticide use and general health information. This should take no more than 37 minutes to complete. We appreciate all the time you have given to help with this study.**

**ASK FOR INTERVIEW (Verbal Consent)**

**Would you be willing to participate? We could do it now or schedule a time that would be more convenient for you.**

**IF YES TO INTERVIEW>>Is now a good time?**

**IOWA ONLY**

Good, before we get started, I would like to ask if it is all right to tape-record this interview. The purpose is to ensure that I've recorded your answers correctly. We do erase the tapes after we have checked them. Please be assured that your answers are strictly confidential to the extent of the law. Your participation in this or any part of the Agricultural Health Study is voluntary and you may refuse to answer any question. Your name will not be linked to any of your information in reports. If you have questions about the study, you may call 1-800-4AG-STUDY. Is this all right with you?

**IF YES TO TAPING >>** Do you have any questions before we begin? Okay, let's get started.

**IF NO TO TAPING>>** That's not a problem, I'll leave the tape recorder off then. Do you have any questions before we begin? Okay, let's get started.

**NORTH CAROLINA ONLY**

Good, before we get started, my supervisor may listen in part of the interview to be sure I am doing the best job possible. Please be assured that your answers are strictly confidential to the extent of the law. Your participation in this or any part of the Agricultural Health Study is voluntary and you may refuse to answer any question. Your name will not be linked to any of your information in reports. If you have questions about the study, you may call 1-800-424-7883. Is this all right with you?

**IF NO TO NOW>>**When would you like us to call you back?

**IF NO TO INTERVIEW>>**Okay, then, thank you very much.

**NO LONGER-FARMING**

**IF REFUSES INTERVIEW AT ANY POINT, DUE TO NO LONGER FARMING (retired or other) >>**

Even though you are no longer farming, your information is still very important to us. Many of the diseases we are studying, such as cancer, may be due to exposures that occurred many years ago. This means we need to look well into the past to study the causes of these diseases. Also, since we are studying many types of exposures--not just farm exposures--it is important for us to obtain information even after you quit farming. Would you be willing to participate?

**IF CONSENTS TO INTERVIEW, RESUME SCRIPT WHERE YOU LEFT OFF, ABOVE**

**IF REFUSES INTERVIEW, okay, then, thank you very much for your past participation.**

**CLOSING SCRIPT**

**That completes the interview. You have made a valuable contribution to our research.  
Thank you for taking the time to talk with me today.**

## Attachment 3B:

### Phase III Interview Script and Verbal Consent for North Carolina Respondents

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Subject ID	6 Digits P or S
Subject Name	First_Middle Initial_Last
Gender	from Coordinating Center
Participant Type	P (private applicator), or S (spouse)
Enrollment Date	from Coordinating Center
Last Interviewed	from Coordinating Center
Menopausal status	from Coordinating Center
Address	from AHS database
Spouse's name	from AHS database

**Reaching the Respondent**

Hello, (may I speak to / have I reached) <Participant 1<sup>st</sup> name, middle initial, last name>?

WHO IS CALLING? This is (FIRST NAME/LAST NAME). I am trying to reach <R's full NAME>, who completed an interview with us several years ago about work and health. Is (he/she) available?

NOT AVAILABLE: When would be the best time to reach <Mr/Ms LAST NAME>?

**Introduction to Respondent**

Have I reached (FIRST NAME/ MIDDLE INITIAL/ LAST NAME)?

Hello, (Mr/Mrs LAST NAME). This is (FIRST NAME/LAST NAME) with the Agricultural Health Study.

Thank you for taking part in the Agricultural Health Study in the past.

It's been a long time since we contacted you. Things change over time so we are contacting you (today/tonight) to ask you a few questions that will update the information you gave us earlier. We sent you a letter letting you know that we would try to call. Let me explain that the interview includes questions about work and certain health conditions you and your family may have experienced since you were last contacted.

If this is a good time, we could do the interview now. The interview takes (APPLICATORS: usually less than 30 minutes) (SPOUSES: about 20 minutes) but for those who are not fully engaged in farming activities, the interview is shorter. Would that be alright? Is this a good time?

YES:            START SURVEY

IF RELUCTANT: We could get started and see how it goes. You can stop me at any time. Would that be alright?

## **STUDY DESCRIPTION SCRIPT**

The Agricultural Health Study is a long-term study designed to follow farmers and their families over a period of time to study protective aspects of health and possible factors of disease. Various diseases among farm families which are of interest to scientists in this and other countries are being studied, including the incidence of cancer. You completed a questionnaire for us either at a pesticide certification site, over the phone, or by mail several years ago. We are calling now just to update the information you already provided.

### **SPONSORS:**

The study is sponsored by the National Cancer Institute and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, of the National Institutes of Health, with collaborators, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

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## **REFUSAL SCRIPT**

**IF REASON NOT EXPRESSED: To strengthen the study, would you mind telling us why you are unable to participate?**

### **RECORD / RESPOND TO OBJECTIONS**

You are especially valuable to the study. And whatever you are able to do for us would be greatly appreciated. By continuing to follow our earlier study participants as they grow older, the study becomes much more valuable to everyone. The answers you give us could help study scientists find answers to questions that would be very important to farmers and others – even to future generations.

All participation is voluntary, but we do hope that you will take part. If you would be willing to answer a few questions we could get started and you can stop me at any time. Would that be OK?

### **NO TIME**

Since you have done a lot already, we have made a special effort to keep this interview as brief as possible. We can set appointments if there is a better time or we could ask a few questions and you could stop anytime you need to. Would that be alright?

### **NOT FARMING: \_\_\_\_\_**

Some people may think the study does not need them since they do not farm but the continued participation of all individuals who took part earlier is *very important*. The

interview will be much shorter if you are not farming but updating other information is still very important. We could ask a few questions and see how it goes. You could stop me at any time. Would that be OK?

**FEMALE NOT FARMING/NOT USING PESTICIDES:** The study is interested in updating the information about the health of all of the agricultural population - including the females. Some women feel that the study is not interested in them because they may be less active in agriculture than men but the study is very interested in understanding more about the issues that affect the health of men and women. Your answers could help scientists answer questions about health that could help our children and grandchildren.

If you would be willing, we could start the interview and see how it goes. You can stop me anytime. Would that be OK?

**STILL REFUSING:** \_\_\_\_\_

Alright. I'll be glad to add what you have said. Thank you for all the help you have already given and thank you for talking with me (today/tonight).

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### **DECEASED SCRIPT**

DECEASED: \_\_\_\_\_

We're so sorry to hear that. We wouldn't have called if we had known. It would help the study if you would tell us when that occurred. RECORD INFORMATION

We really appreciate all the help (he/she) gave to the study. Thank you for speaking with me today.

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### **REMAIL LETTER SCRIPT**

LETTER REMAIL REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

We will be glad to send you the study letter. You should receive it in a few days. Let me check the address we have on record.

Is your address.....? EDIT NEW ADDRESS.

CONTINUE INTERVIEW UNLESS ASKED NOT TO.

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### **SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT SCRIPT**

Is there a day of the week or a time of day that is best for us to reach you?

IF RESPONDENT IS UNWILLING TO SUGGEST A TIME: Thank you for speaking with me.

I'm sorry this was not a good time.

I can understand you are busy now.

Sometimes it's hard to anticipate how things will go.

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### **WRONG RESPONDENT SCRIPT**

I\_\_I R SAYS DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN AHS

I\_\_I R LIVES IN DIFFERENT PART OF THE STATE

I\_\_I NAME NOT EXACTLY THE SAME

I\_\_I NAME IS THE SAME

AND

I\_\_I DATE OF BIRTH IS DIFFERENT

That's all the questions I have at this time. I hope it will be OK for us to call later if we need to ask other questions. Before we ask you to participate in this interview, we need to check our records to see that we have reached the right person. Thank you for speaking with me.