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FROM: NIH Privacy Act Officer

SUBJECT: Applicability of the Privacy Act: "Short Follow-Up Questionnaire for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) - AARP Diet and Health Study (NCI)"

I have reviewed the NCI submission to OMB to continue to prospectively investigate the relationship between diet and major cancers in early to late middle-aged men and women in the United States. The participants are being re-contacted at this time in an effort to provide ongoing information updates for key covariates and additional information on health and medical conditions.

I have determined that the Privacy Act will apply to this data collection which involves the collection of personally identifiable information such as name, home address, email address, and telephone number. Study data will be incorporated into study datasets, and when the study results have been analyzed, hard copy records will be destroyed. Updated contact information will be stored in study databases to aid in the contacting of further study participants. Study data will be identified and retrieved by a study number only.

This 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) 402-6201.

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Attachment: NIH Privacy Act Systems of Record 09-25-0156

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