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**TO:** Frances E. Thompson, Ph.D.  
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**FROM:** NIH Privacy Act Officer

**SUBJECT:** Applicability of the Privacy Act: "Food and Eating Assessment Study (FEAST) (NCI)"


I have reviewed the NCI submission to OMB to compare the newly developed web-based Automated Self-Administered 24-hour Recall (ASA24) to the current standard of interview-administered 24-hour recall, the Automated Multiple Pass Method (AMPM). The ultimate intent of the study is to provide evaluative information to prospective users in their decision to use the new ASA24 method.

I have determined that the Privacy Act will apply to this data collection which involves the collection of personally identifiable information such as name, year of birth, address, email addresses, telephone number, age, ethnicity, race, gender, current height, and current weight.

Data will be recorded and stored in such a manner that individual research subjects cannot be identified directly or through identifiers. Each questionnaire will include a unique ID number for each respondent, but only the data management contractor will have the secure database to link ID numbers with individuals. No identifying information will be recorded in the data file. After the data collection is completed, the contractor will store the paper informed consent forms and paper questionnaires in a locked, secure facility for a year, and then they will be shredded. Electronic data will be password protected and stored by the data management contractor and also destroyed after a year.

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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