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Subject: **A Generic Submission for Theory Development and Validation (NCI)**

A Generic Clearance is requested from OMB for formative research related to behavioral science theory development and validation to be carried out in 2012-2015 by the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS), National Cancer Institute, NIH. These activities are to be overseen by staff of the Behavioral Research Program (BRP/DCCPS) and involve using standard focus group and questionnaire methodology to develop and validate health behavior theories in the context of cancer prevention and control, using a methodology which has been employed effectively by Federal Agencies within DHHS and elsewhere.

The following types of activities would be carried out under this generic clearance:

- 1) Research to identify psychological, biobehavioral, demographic, and individual difference predictors of cancer prevention and control behaviors and outcomes, involving questionnaires, focus groups, and message testing;
- 2) Research to develop (focus groups) and refine (questionnaires, message testing) integrative theories;
- 3) Specialized questionnaire research involving experts that would identify and observe theoretical and innovative trends in cancer prevention and control research;
- 4) Focus group and questionnaire research to determine feasibility and usefulness of collaborative and multidisciplinary approaches to cancer prevention and control.

#### **OMB Approval of Individual Collections**

NCI will submit individual collections under this generic clearance to OMB that will include details that highlight the purpose, methodology, participants and burden of each project.