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HQ USMEPCOM  
ATTN: Matthew K. Lince  
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Re: DMDC Review of USMEPCOM Customer Satisfaction Survey for OMB Renewal

Dear Mr. Lince,

The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) Human Research Protection Program has reviewed the material submitted for the above referenced study. We find that this activity does not meet the definition of human subject research under 32 CFR 219 as it is not designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge. Therefore, the human subject regulations do not apply to this activity.

If any changes to the study are planned, please submit them to me prior to implementation as this may affect the human subject status of the study.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me: [Leonardo.Tato@tma.osd.mil](mailto:Leonardo.Tato@tma.osd.mil).

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