

## **Appendix L.1: Popcorn Worker Phone Script (English)**

Hello, my name is (*state your name*), and I work for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, also known as NIOSH. You were one of the microwave popcorn workers that NIOSH interviewed and tested during our study of the workers at Jasper Foods from 2000 to 2003. I want to thank you for your help with that study and invite you to take part in a new NIOSH research study. The goal of our new study is to learn if individuals who work or have worked in the microwave popcorn industry are currently having lung or breathing problems, and if so, to better understand these problems.

A few weeks ago, we mailed a packet to you explaining this research study. Did you receive our packet?

- ⇒ [If did not receive mailing]: I would be happy to send you another packet in the mail. What is the address you would like me to use?
- ⇒ [If did receive mailing]: Do you have any questions about the packet or the study?
- ⇒ [If did or didn't receive mailing but would like employee to briefly summarize the information mailed]:

The new NIOSH study will include an interview and free medical testing and will take place at **LOCATION** from **START DATE to END DATE**. This testing is voluntary. You may choose to participate in some or all of the medical tests we are offering. If you decide to take part in this NIOSH study, you will receive a \$50 gift card to a local merchant for your time and effort. You will also receive the results of your medical tests.

- ⇒ [If asked specific questions about some or all of the testing offered]:

Interview: A NIOSH employee will ask you questions about your health and the jobs you have held.

Breathing tests: You will be offered breathing tests to measure how well your lungs work.

Imaging: We will take you to the **CLINIC/HOSPITAL NAME** to have a high-resolution CT scan of your lungs.

Blood draw: We will collect a sample of your blood. The blood will be stored for future flavoring-related research.

Do you have any other questions?

Would you like to make an appointment to come in for the NIOSH study?

⇒ [Yes; Verify mailing address and contact number while making the appointment]

⇒ [Yes; Repeat appointment time and give NIOSH number in case the participant needs to reschedule]

⇒ [No]

Would you like to think about it a bit longer?

Would you like to make an appointment at another timer? [If the person wants to schedule an appointment at a later time, obtain a good contact number (such as a cell number) for the individual and give the individual the following NIOSH contact information]:

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