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FROM: NIH Privacy Act Officer

SUBJECT: Applicability of the Privacy Act: "The Next Series of Tobacco Use Supplements to the Current Population Survey (TUS-CPS)(NCI)"

I have reviewed the NCI submission to OMB to obtain approval of the above information collection. The purpose of the TUS-CPS survey is to understand the causes of tobacco use, addiction, and tobacco-related cancers and apply this knowledge to their prevention and treatment. NCI is particularly interested in changes in smoking policy and social norms to provide information needed to measure progress toward tobacco control.

The TUS-CPS questionnaire will be sent to 255,000 adults. It will be used to evaluate and monitor 1) changes in smoking and tobacco use prevalence, quit attempts, switching to various products in attempts to quit, and successful quit rates, and 2) changes in effects of regulations, policies (increasing price increases), other interventions, home and work smoke-free policies, potential exposure to secondhand smoke and changes in social norms and attitudes which influence tobacco use nationally and within communities for each of the U.S. states. The survey items are commonly found in surveys of health behavior. There are no sensitive questions concerning illegal drug use or other criminal acts.

The Census Bureau will collect these data for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. NCI will not collect any personally identifiable information. The NCI will receive, through its interagency agreement with the Bureau, a data set devoid of personal identifiers. NCI, FDC, CDC and other researchers will use the information to measure changes in tobacco use and to help with policy-making and services.

I have determined that the Privacy Act will not apply to this data collection because personal identifiers are not collected and used to retrieve information about individuals.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at (301) 402-6201.

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