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TO: Anthony Kerlavage, Ph.D.
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FROM: NIH Privacy Act Officer

SUBJECT: Applicability of the Privacy Act: Cancer Genomics Cloud Pilots (CGC) (NCI)

I have reviewed the NCI submission to OMB referenced above. The project involves developing three Cancer Genomics Cloud Pilots to help meet the research community's needs to access and analyze high quality, large-scale cancer genomic data and associated clinical information. The project involves the use of a survey to determine future funding of cloud technology projects. Researchers will be asked what functionality they find useful, what they would like to see added, what functions they performed, and whether they would continue to use the cloud platforms if they remain available. The feedback collected will allow NCI to plan specific follow-on projects that will provide the most value to cancer researchers.

Information will be collected through an online survey using Survey Monkey. The respondents will include NCI researchers, NIH researchers, Principal Investigators at research institutions, informaticists and software developers at research institutions, and scientists who are performing genomics researchers. The survey will be available online, and links to the survey will be provided to respondents by email lists to which researchers are currently subscribed, links in the NCIP Twitter feed, on the NCI CBIIT web site, and at conference presentations and workshops. The survey results will be compiled in a document and reviewed by federal staff to determine future funding and direction for the cloud platforms and functionality.

I have determined that the Privacy Act will not apply to this information collection because the survey will not collect or store personally identifiable information designed to be retrieved by a unique identifier. If you have questions, please contact me at (301) 496-4606.

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cc: Karla Bailey, NCI PRA Liaison