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TO: Dr. Steven Simon,
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FROM: NIH Privacy Act Officer

SUBJECT: Applicability of the Privacy Act: Study to Estimate Radiation Doses and Cancer Risks from Radioactive Fallout from the Trinity Nuclear Test

I have reviewed the NCI submission to OMB referenced above. This information collection is for a radiation-related cancer risk projection study for the residents of the state of New Mexico (NM) potentially exposed to radioactive fallout from the Trinity nuclear test conducted in 1945. Data will be collected on diet and lifestyle from three ethnic groups in NM (non-Hispanic white, Hispanic, and Native American) alive in the 1940s via focus groups and key informant interviews. This data will be used to derive means and ranges of exposure-related parameters.

Two types of data collection strategies are planned: (i) focus group interviews with persons who may have personal memories of diet and living conditions around the time of the decade of interest; (ii) key informants and academic researchers who are knowledgeable about diet and lifestyle in New Mexico in the mid-20th century. Consent forms will be stored in a locked file at University of New Mexico. Audio recordings will be stored securely and will be destroyed at the conclusion of the study. More detailed transcripts of the interview or focus groups will be prepared following the completion of the fieldwork and will not contain personally identifiable information (PII). Data files will be password protected and stored on a secure server accessible only to the investigators involved.

I have determined that the Privacy Act will apply to this data collection, which includes the collection of PII such as name, race, gender, address, phone, email and other identifiers stored in a system designed to be retrieved by a personal identifier.

The data collection is covered by NIH Privacy Act System of Records 09-25-0156, "Records of Participants in Programs and Respondents in Surveys Used to Evaluate Programs of the Public Health Service, HHS/PHS/NIH/OD." If you have questions, please contact me at (301) 402-6201.

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Enclosure:

cc: Karla Bailey, NCI PRA Liaison