

Attachment D – Invitation Email

Dear [*Name of STLT Public Health Agency Contact*],

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) are updating federal guidelines for assessing and responding to potential cancer clusters. To better understand how public health agencies currently respond to cancer cluster inquiries and conduct cancer cluster investigations, **CDC and ATSDR invites your agency to complete an online assessment related to cancer cluster inquiries and investigations. Please provide this assessment to the individual within your agency who is most knowledgeable on the topic.** Responses from this assessment will allow CDC/ATSDR to gather input from STLT public health agencies about how they address community concerns about excess cancer, available and needed resources, and barriers, facilitators, and best practices for effectively responding to community concerns.

Since the publication of the 2013 Guidelines “Investigating Suspected Cancer Clusters and Responding to Community Concerns,” there have been technical and scientific advancements in areas such as data availability, analytic and geospatial methods, and cancer genomics. For more information regarding the cancer cluster guidelines update, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/clusters/guidelines.htm>.

Your participation in this assessment is voluntary; however, your input is important to informing the update of the 2013 Guidelines. All information collected will be housed on a secure drive on the CDC network, accessible only to select CDC staff working on this project. The results of the analysis will be reported only in aggregate.

The assessment will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Please use this link to access the assessment: [\[insert link\]](#)

Please complete the assessment by [\[insert date\]](#).

Thank you,

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