SUBJECT: DATE:	Authorization to Operate for <b>Evaluation Web</b> (12/20/2010	Eval-Web)
System Bus	iness Steward:	
I verify that	Evaluation Web meets all requirements for operat	ion.
	Dale Stratford SUPV BEHAVORIAL SCIENTIST System Business Steward	1-2/20/(0 Date
System Secu	nrity Steward:	
I verify that	Evaluation Web meets all security requirements for William Dolan Security Analyst System Security Steward	or operation. $\frac{/2/20/2010}{\text{Date}}$
Certification	Agent:	
I certify that	Evaluation Web meets all security requirements a	and recommend:
	<ol> <li>Authorization to operate until 3/23/3 limitations).</li> <li>Denial of operation authorization (explain the content of the c</li></ol>	m reasons).  MAR 2 4 2011
	Cheri Gatland-Lightner Certification Agent	Date



## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Public Health Service Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

## Memorandum

Date

MAR 2 4 2011

From

Cheri Gatland-Lightner, Certification Agent

Subject

Designated Approving Authority (DAA) Responsibilities

To

Kevin Fenton, PhD, NCHSTP Director

Mr. Jim Seligman, in his memorandum entitled "Designated Approving Authority for CDC Information Systems Security", designated Division Directors, or equivalent, who have financial and programmatic responsibilities to act as DAAs. You have been identified as the DAA for the Evaluation Web (Eval-Web). As such it is important that you understand your role in the certification and accreditation (C&A) process.

In accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular A-130, all information systems that process, store, or transmit information must be authorized to operate (ATO). This authorization is based on the verified effectiveness of security controls to some agreed upon level of assurance and an identified residual risk to agency operations or agency assets. As the senior management official or executive with the authority to approve the operation of the information system at an acceptable level of risk to agency operations (including mission, functions, image, or reputation), agency assets, or individuals, you assume responsibility and are accountable for the risks of operating Eval-Web. Your decision to authorize operation should rely primarily on the compiled system security plan (SSP), the risk mitigation worksheets (RMW), and the plan of action and milestones (POA&M) for reducing or eliminating information system vulnerabilities. In making the security accreditation decision to authorize operations of the system, you explicitly accept the residual risk to CDC operations or CDC assets.

As the Certification Agent, it is my responsibility to ensure that you have all the information you need to make a sound authorization decision. Prior to your decision, I suggest you review the RMW and POA&M. Dale Stratford of your staff has both. He, as the Eval-Web Business Steward, has established milestones and committed resources to mitigate the identified risks. Your signature implies concurrence with his decisions. I will be happy to discuss the specific residual risks or answer any questions you might have related to this process. You can reach me at 770-488-8621.

Cheri Gatland-Lightner Certification Agent