



## Memorandum

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Subject: Generic ICR for CDC Emergency Epidemic Investigations  
2022 Request for Extension  
Research Determination

To: Jeffrey M. Zirger, PhD  
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Office of Scientific Integrity  
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Based on the description and justification for the Generic Emergency Epidemic Investigations (EEIs) activities and on the definition of research as defined by the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects (45 CFR 46), IRB approval is not required for EEIs. These investigations are usually considered public health emergencies and not a research based on the definition provided by 45 CFR 46. For individual investigations, the appropriate CDC and local health authority Human Subjects Review contact are consulted for an official research determination.

Should there be any questions regarding this determination, feel free to contact me at (404) 498-6003 or [dwi4@cdc.gov](mailto:dwi4@cdc.gov).