REC CATEGORY LISTS

EXEMPT: This research project is eligible for exempt review because it meets at least one of the following criteria:

1. Research conducted in established or commonly accepted educational settings, involving normal educational practices.
2. Research involving the use of educational tests, survey procedures, interview procedures, or observation of public behavior, EXCEPT when participants can be identified and such disclosure results in risk.
3. Research involving benign behavioral interventions (i.e., brief in duration, harmless, painless, not physically invasive, no significant adverse lasting impact, and not offensive or embarrassing to participant) in combination with the collection of information, EXCEPT when participants can be identified and such disclosure results in risk.
4. Research and demonstration projects conducted or supported by a federal department or agency that are designed to study, evaluate, improve, or otherwise examine public benefit or service programs.
5. Taste and food quality evaluation and consumer acceptance studies.
6. Secondary research for which consent is not required (e.g., participants identity cannot be readily ascertained, identifiable information is publically available, identifiable information was originally collected for non-research purposes, or collection and analysis of identifiable information are for the purposes of “health care operations,” “research,” or “public health activities and purposes).
7. Secondary research for which broad consent is required.
8. Storage or maintenance for secondary research for which broad consent is required.

EXPEDITED: This research project is eligible for expedited review because the research activities present no more than minimal risk to human subjects and it meets at least one of the following criteria:

1. Clinical study of drug and medical devices only when an investigational new drug or device exemption application is not required and when the medical device is approved for marketing and being used in according to the approved labeling.
2. Collection of blood samples by finger stick, heel stick, ear stick, or venipuncture that follows approved practice guidelines.
3. Prospective collection of biological specimens for research purposes by noninvasive means.
4. Collection of data through noninvasive procedures routinely employed in clinical practice, excluding procedures involving x-rays or microwaves.
5. Collection of data solely through materials for non-research purposes.
6. Collection of data from voice, video, digital, or image recordings made for research purposes.
7. Research on individual or group characteristics or behavior, or research employing survey, interview, oral history, focus group, program evaluation, human factors evaluation, or quality assurance methodologies.
8. Continuing review of research previously approved by the REC or IRB where the research is permanently closed to the enrollment of new subjects, all subjects have completed all research-related interventions, and the research remains active only for long-term follow-up of subjects; or where no subjects have been enrolled and no additional risks have been identified; or where the remaining research activities are limited to data analysis.
9. Continuing review of research involving no greater than minimal risk and no additional risks have been identified.

FULL: This research project requires a full board review because it is not eligible for an exempt or expedited review (based on the criteria listed above) and/or it meets at least one of the following criteria:

1. Research activities involves greater than minimal risk to participants.
2. Involvement of intentional deception, such that misleading or untruthful information will be provided to participants.
3. Inclusion of participants of special consideration (e.g., vulnerable populations).
4. Use of procedures that are considered intrusive, stressful, or potentially traumatic.