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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEFENSE HUMAN RESOURCE ACTIVITY

SUBJECT: Justification for the Use of Social Security Numbers in the Personnel Security Breach Notification and Mitigation Services Records System (PSBNMR), DITPR #27974 - Approved

Thank you for completing a review of Social Security Number (SSN) use within the subject system. My office has reviewed and approved your request to use the SSN for the following Acceptable Use: (8) Computer Matching. Additionally, we have further identified Acceptable Use: (13) Other Cases, as applicable as well. Note, SSN use is approved indefinitely or until the program's mission changes thus eliminating the need for the SSN use, or the system is decommissioned.

The PSBNMR System is the DoD system of record used to facilitate breach notification and mitigation services to individuals impacted by breach of information involving the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) background investigation databases. The SSN is required for DoD to verify the identity of individuals submitting inquiries via the Office of Personnel – Verify (OPMV) web portal. Additionally, after verification, the SSN is needed to confirm remediation services to affected individuals. The use of the SSN is required as it is the only common identifier available within both data sets.

While this system has been identified as requiring the collection, maintenance and use of the SSN, you must ensure this data is afforded the highest protections practicable through use of appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards. Please maintain a copy of your justification and this approval in your records.

The reference number for this action is listed at the top of this memorandum. If you have any questions, my point of contact is Ms. Tracy Rogers at [tracy.c.rogers2.civ@mail.mil](mailto:tracy.c.rogers2.civ@mail.mil).

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