



**Subject:** Exempt Research Determination

**Date:** 03/06/2024

**From:** Pearl IRB

**To:** Gerad Z O'Shea

**Protocol Title:** USDA School Food Study

**IRB ID:** 2024-0079

Pearl IRB has reviewed the documents submitted for exempt research determination in accordance with the applicable federal regulations and has determined the study noted above to be Exempt according to 45 CFR 46.104(d)(1) Educational Research, 45 CFR 46.104(d)(2) Tests, Surveys, Interviews on 03/06/2024.

Please note that changes to your protocol may affect its exempt status. The exemption determination is valid for the life of the research study unless a change(s) is made that requires an additional review. Refer to the [Exemption Change FAQ](#) for guidance on submitting changes to exempt projects. This determination does not apply to studies enrolling prisoners.

Pearl IRB may revoke an exempt research determination in the event of non-payment or if the Investigator or Sponsor deviates from the protocol without prior IRB review. Payment is due at the time of review, as soon as an invoice is received from the Pearl IRB billing department. If the study is no longer determined to be exempt, all project activities must cease immediately, including data analysis and any resulting data or analysis is null and void. Terminated studies are not considered completed.

You can download copies of study documentation and the IRB Roster directly from your IRB Manager account. If you have any questions, please contact Pearl IRB.

Best,

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