DATE: April 11, 2006

MEMORANDUM

TO: Martha A. Bell
    Katherine Morasch

FROM: David M. Moore


This memo is regarding the above referenced protocol which was previously granted approval by the IRB. The proposed research, having been previously approved at a convened IRB meeting, required full IRB review prior to granting an extension of approval, according to the specifications authorized by 45 CFR 46.110 and 21 CFR 56.110. The above referenced protocol was submitted for full review continuation and approval by the IRB at its most recent meeting. Pursuant to your request, I, as Chair of the Virginia Tech Institutional Review Board, have, at the direction of the IRB, granted approval for this study for a period of 12 months, effective May 10, 2006.

Approval of your research by the IRB provides the appropriate review as required by federal and state laws regarding human subject research. As an investigator of human subjects, your responsibilities include the following:

1. Report promptly proposed changes in previously approved human subject research activities to the IRB, including changes to your study forms, procedures and investigators, regardless of how minor. The proposed changes must not be initiated without IRB review and approval, except where necessary to eliminate apparent immediate hazards to the subjects.
2. Report promptly to the IRB any injuries or other unanticipated or adverse events involving risks or harms to human research subjects or others.
3. Report promptly to the IRB of the study’s closing (i.e., data collecting and data analysis complete at Virginia Tech). If the study is to continue past the expiration date (listed above), investigators must submit a request for continuing review prior to the continuing review due date (listed above). It is the researcher’s responsibility to obtained re-approval from the IRB before the study’s expiration date.
4. If re-approval is not obtained (unless the study has been reported to the IRB as closed) prior to the expiration date, all activities involving human subjects and data analysis must cease immediately, except where necessary to eliminate apparent immediate hazards to the subjects.

cc: File
    Department Reviewer: David W. Harrison

Approval date: 5/10/2006
Continuing Review Due Date: 3/26/2007
Expiration Date: 5/9/2007