



STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

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Dear Dr. Shah:

This is in response to your letter regarding the industry-wide cohort mortality study of Vinyl Chloride Workers by Chemical Manufacturers Association. In Florida, death certificates including the cause of death section are confidential records by virtue of statutory provisions Chapter 382.008(6), Florida Statutes. The cause of death section of deaths are exempt from the above provisions for health research purposes approved by the department. It is the policy of the department to issue vital records data of this nature only for health research purposes.

If you wish to apply for approval to transfer the materials and have AEI conduct the study, it will be necessary for you to complete the enclosed Data Purchase and Use Agreement Form and return it to our office. If there is a research protocol in addition to the information mentioned in your letter, please also submit two copies. The protocol should include, at a minimum, the purpose of the study, if there is to be any follow-back and to whom, and a destruction schedule for the records. We have also requested that Kenneth Mundt with AEI also complete the Data Purchase and Use Agreement, since they will be handling the data records.

If the research study has prior approval through the National Death Index (NDI) as you indicated, please also provide us with a copy of the NDI application form.

We have also enclosed our current fee schedule, for your convenience.

If you have any questions or if we can help in any other way, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Gary J. Sammet
Program Administrator
Public Health Statistics
State Office of Vital Statistics

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Enclosure