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Megan Stevenson
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Dear Ms. Stevenson:

Study #: 50219
Title of Study: The Effects of Land Cover Change on the Spatial Distribution of Lyme Disease in Northern Virginia Since 2001
Principal Investigator: Megan Stevenson
Type of Review: Exemption

This letter is to advise you that the above referenced protocol has been reviewed by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Institutional Review Board (IRB) and has been approved.

Should the project undergo substantial changes (e.g., changes in the consent procedure, addition of potentially sensitive items to research instruments, changes in the treatment procedure) in the protocol or the subject population, another request for IRB review must be filed.

On behalf of the members of the VDH IRB, I wish you well on your research project. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or are in need of clarification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bethany Geldmaker".

Bethany Geldmaker, Ph.D
Chair, VDH IRB