

**To:** Irena Creed

**Date:** 30 April 2019

**Re:** Beh ID 1218

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Thank you for submitting your application entitled “***Planetary Health Placement ENVS 898.0 and Planetary Health Field School – Africa ENVS 898.3***”. The application meets the requirements for exemption status as per **Article 2.1 of the Tri-Council Policy Statement (TCPS): Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans, December 2014**, which states “*research may involve interaction with individuals who are not themselves the focus of the research in order to obtain information. For example, one may collect information from authorized personnel to release information or data in the ordinary course of their employment about organizations, policies, procedures, professional practices or statistical reports. Such individuals are **not considered participants** for the purposes of this Policy. This is distinct from situations where individuals are considered participants because they are themselves the focus of the research.*”

It should be noted that though your project is exempt of ethics review, your project should be conducted in an ethical manner (i.e. in accordance with the information that you submitted). It should also be noted that any deviation from the original methodology and/or research question should be brought to the attention of the Behavioural Research Ethics Board for further review.

**Please revise any consent forms to reflect an exemption from the REB or delete the sections regarding REB approval.**

*Digitally Approved by Diane Martz, Chair  
Behavioural Research Ethics Board  
University of Saskatchewan*