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Project Title: **Disaster Response Research Project**

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We are doing a research study about the disaster that happened in your neighborhood. Because this happened, we want to test the air, water, and building materials where you live or work to see if there are any chemicals or molds that might cause you to become sick. A research study is a way to learn more about people. If you decide that you want to be part of this study, you will be asked to answer some questions about your health and your home or workplace, which should take about 45 minutes. You may be asked if we can take a sample of blood from your arm or to rub the inside of your cheek with a small brush to collect your cells, or give us a urine sample, which would take about 2 minutes each. We may also ask you to do a breathing test which would take about 15 minutes.

There are some things about this study you should know. Drawing blood from your arm might hurt a little, and you may have some bleeding or bruise where the needle goes into your arm.

If you give us a sample of the cells inside your cheeks, it may feel scratchy in your mouth.

If we give you the breathing test, it could cause you to cough or feel dizzy for a short time, like blowing up a balloon.

Not everyone who takes part in this study will benefit. A benefit means that something good happens to you. We think these benefits might be learning whether the disaster that occurred in your neighborhood might make you sick.

When we are finished with this study we will write a report about what was learned. This report will not include your name or that you were in the study.

You do not have to be in this study if you do not want to be. If you decide to stop after we begin, that's okay too. Your parents know about the study too.

If you decide you want to be in this study, please sign your name.

I, _____, want to be in this research study.

(Sign your name here)

(Date)