### Prepared Response Report - Program Review

**Prepared Response Record**

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| **ID10579**  | **What is the Link Plus software program?**  |

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**Prepared Response Content -- For Program Review -- Action Required**

**What is the Link Plus software program?**

The Link Plus software program is a probabilistic record linkage tool first designed for use with cancer registries. The standalone application for Microsoft Windows can run in 2 modes:
\* To detect duplicates in a cancer registry database; and
\* To link a cancer registry file with external files.

Link Plus can be used with all types of data in fixed width or delimited format, not just cancer registries.

Link Plus Version 2.0 can't handle very large records (e.g., files with more than 10 million records). If you need to work with very large files, CDC recommends you download the beta version of Link Plus Version 3.0. The beta version can handle records of any size for file 2. The beta version also improves upon Version 2.0 in that it:
\* Allows many-to-many matches by unmarking the check box "Best Match" on the configuration form;
\* Can handle the manual review of up to 300,000 pairs of linked records on a single form; and
\* Can handle NAACCR 12 data.

**CSRs: If the inquirer would like to download the beta version of Link Plus 3.0, provide him or her with the URL in CDC Resource #1, *CDC FTP Site*, and the following information:
Username: nccdnc
Password: 2009cNdsc

Instruct the inquirer to download the file found in the folder named "linkplus."

If the inquirer would like to download the current version of Link Plus, provide him or her with the URL in CDC Resource #2, *Registry Plus Link Plus Technical Information and Installation*.**

**Sources**

Registry Plus Link Plus
http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/npcr/tools/registryplus/lp.htm

Registry Plus Link Plus Features and Future Plans
http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/npcr/tools/registryplus/lp\_features.htm

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**CDC Resources**

CDC FTP Site
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
ftp://sftp.cdc.gov/

Registry Plus Link Plus Technical Information and Installation
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Cancer Prevention and Control
http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/npcr/tools/registryplus/lp\_tech\_info.htm

Registry Plus Link Plus
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Cancer Prevention and Control
http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/npcr/tools/registryplus/lp.htm

Registry Plus Link Plus Features and Future Plans
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Cancer Prevention and Control
http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/npcr/tools/registryplus/lp\_features.htm

Registry Plus Software Programs for Cancer Registries
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Cancer Prevention and Control
http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/npcr/tools/registryplus/