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Title: Challenging Dominant Breast Cancer Research Agendas: Perspectives on the Outcomes of the Interagency Breast Cancer and Environment Research Coordinating Committee

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In response to feedback from Reviewer #1, language was updated to reflect specific dates and the timing of specific policies undergoing reform at the time of interviews. All in-text corrections identified by the reviewer have been addressed. Thank you.

In response to feedback from Reviewer #2, a number of changes have been made listed below.

1. The primary question driving the article is stated more explicitly on p. 4, however no hypotheses are stated as this is not a common practice in qualitative sociological research. The driving question clarifies the purpose of the paper, and thus its potential utility to environmental health researchers, policy stakeholders, and advocates.

2. Language is streamlined to emphasize the use of social science perspectives in interdisciplinary science-policy contexts. Essentially, stakeholder values and assumptions should be made explicit, as they inform problem definitions (i.e. environmental cancer can be prevented by encouraging individuals not to smoke vs. environmental cancer can be prevented through regulating the production and use of carcinogens at the federal level). My hope is that placing the IBCERCC in a social and historical context can additionally shed light on why the report impacts were limited, from the perspectives of breast cancer advocates working on federal research policy since the 1990s.

3. More background on the 2008 Law and IBCERCC report have been added to the background section.

4. References have been streamlined, I removed all author (year) in-text citations from the paper. Only numerical citations are used.
5. Typos have been addressed in the paper. Thank you.