

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Economic Measures of Soil Conservation Benefit: Regional Values for Policy Assessment

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) Technical Bulletin (TB)

Agency: Economic Research Service [X] Influential Scientific Information
USDA [] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: This report describes how the two accompanying data files can be used to assign monetary values to changes in soil erosion and how results of their applications are best interpreted. The report also documents how each variable was estimated. The variables are regional dollar-per-ton measures of 14 soil conservation benefits. The data have been used to value soil conservation benefits associated with changes in farm programs and practices and can provide useful insights when properly applied and interpreted.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: [] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers
[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 12/19/07 End: 03/11/08 Completed: 05/05/08

Number of Reviewers: [] 3 or fewer [X] 4 to 10 [] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [] Designated Outside Organization
Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [] Yes [X] No
If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:
How:
When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [] Yes [X] No
Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [] Yes [X] No



