

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Food Security Improved Following the ARRA Increase in SNAP Benefits in 2009

Type of Report  
(ERR, EIB, EB) ERR

Influential Scientific Information

Agency: Economic Research Service  Highly Influential Scientific Assessment  
USDA

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Subject of Review: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) increased benefit levels in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the Food Stamp Program) and expanded SNAP eligibility for jobless adults without children. The changes were intended to improve the food security of low-income households during a period of unusually challenging economic conditions, to create and save jobs, and to stimulate the economy. This study uses data on SNAP participation, food security, food spending, and other household characteristics from the annual Current Population Survey Food Security Supplement to examine the extent to which the additional SNAP resources provided by ARRA may have improved the food security of low-income households (that is, the extent to which they were consistently able to obtain adequate food).

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  Individual Reviewers

Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 12/02/10 End: 02/02/11 Completed: 02/02/11

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

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by:  Agency  Designated Outside Organization

Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment?  Yes  No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments?  Yes  No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel?  Yes  No



