Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title:	Food Stamp Program Effective Benefit Reduction Rates and Cross-Program Effects		
		[X]	Influential Scientific Information
Agency:	Economic Research Service USDA	[]	Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
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Subject of Review:	In this report, the researchers use the Food Stamp Program benefit formula to derive Effective Benefit Reduction Rates (EBRRs), the rates at which food stamp benefits change as a household receives more earnings from work, or cash and noncash benefits from other programs. They use the 2002 FSP-Quality Control data to derive the number of households with specific EBRRs by source of income. They use the 2003 Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement for data on FSP recipients who receive noncash benefits in 2002 and the Urban Institute's Welfare Rules Database for State TANF earnings deductions.		
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	w [X] Individual Reviewers
[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):			
Timing of Review (E	st.): Start: 03/08/06	End:	l: XX/XX/XX Completed: 02/07/08
Number of Reviewers	s: [] 3 or fewer	[X]	[] 4 to 10 [] More than 10
Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists			
Reviewers selected by	y: [X] Agency	Orga	[] Designated Outside Organization anization'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?		[]	
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