

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Benefits and Tradeoffs of the Renewable Fuel Standard: An Economy-Wide Assessment of Economic Impacts

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) ERR

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

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Subject of Review:

Achieving greater energy security by reducing dependency on foreign petroleum is an important goal of U.S. energy policy. How this goal is reached is subject to debate because of different tradeoffs and benefits. This report addresses the expected role that biofuels may play in the overall portfolio of renewable strategy.

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: 3/24/09 End: 10/22/09 Completed: XX/XX/XX

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