

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Schools that Meet USDA Total Fat Requirements for School Lunches
Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) EIB
 Influential Scientific Information
Agency: Economic Research Service Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
USDA
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Subject of Review: This report uses nationally representative school-level data from SNDA to calculate statistical differences between the fat content of NSLP lunches served by schools and (a) school policies and (b) school characteristics. Schools were divided into three categories based on the average fat content of reimbursable school lunches served and chosen by students over a week. The fat content categories are: (1) no more than 30 percent of calories from fat; (2) 30 to 35 percent of calories from fat; and (3) more than 35 percent of calories from fat. The report compares the policy usage and characteristics of schools within each fat category to those policies and characteristics of schools in the other two fat categories.

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: 07/31/09 End: 10/1/09 Completed: 10/1/09

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