Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title:	Increased consumption of food prepared away from home poses challenges for improving diet and health: A comparison of diet quality by preparation source, 1977-2008
Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB)	EIB

		[X]	Influential Scientific Information
Agency:	Economic Research Service USDA	[ ]	Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
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Subject of Review: Food prepared away from home is now a routine part of the diets of most Americans. Unfortunately, previous research has found that it tends to be lower in nutritional quality than food prepared at home, potentially contributing to obesity and diet-related health problems. This study updates previous research by examining the nutritional quality of food prepared at home versus food prepared away from home over time to gain a better understanding of their qualitative differences at each time point, the extent to which their diet quality has changed to better correspond to dietary guidance, and the challenge to health promotion efforts posed by the increased popularity of food prepared away from home.

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: 02/10/12 End: 5/15/13 Completed: 5/15/13

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

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