

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: The Growing Use of Biofuels in International Markets

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB, SOR,) EIB

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

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Subject of Review: Global biofuel production rose tremendously over 2001-2013, led largely by rapid growth in the United States and European Union. Brazil, the second largest biofuel producer, doubled its production in that span. A favorable business and policy climate from 2001 to 2010 helped fuel the large increase in biofuel production; after 2011, the global biofuel market became less favorable to increasing biofuel production. Prices of traditional transportation fuels have declined from their historical highs, biofuel feedstock prices (corn, sugar, oilseeds) also declined, and the United States is facing logistical and infrastructure challenges that will make significant increases in consumption difficult. This report reviews the main factors affecting the demand and supply of biofuels; discusses the shifts in biofuel production, consumption, and policy; and presents trends in the international trade of biofuels, focusing on the United States, Brazil, and the EU.

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: 06/24/14 End: 11/24/14 Completed: 11/24/14

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

