

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Global Ethanol Mandates: Opportunities for U.S. Exports of Ethanol and DDGS

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

SOR

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

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Subject of Review: Global ethanol production has increased rapidly from 5 billion gallon in 2001 to over 26 billion gallon in 2015 such that it is now a vital component of transportation fuels. Beckman (2015) shows that much of this increase has taken place in Brazil, the European Union, and the United States. As such, that piece focuses on the main factors affecting the demand and supply of biofuels; shifts in biofuels production, consumption, and policy; and trends in biofuels trade, focusing on those important regions. However other countries have been playing an increasingly important role in ethanol production and trade. As of 2016, there are 25 countries with ethanol mandates and more now blend ethanol with gasoline (without actually having a mandate), better understanding the role of those countries is the focus of this report.

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: 08/09/16 End: 7/14/17 Completed: 7/14/17

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

