

Peer Review Plan

Title of Review: Expert Review of CCSP Synthesis and Assessment Product 4.3 [] **Influential Scientific Information**

Agency: USDA [X] **Highly Influential Scientific Assessment**

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Subject of Review: CCSP Synthesis and Assessment Product 4.3: The effects of climate change on agriculture, biodiversity, land, and water resources

Purpose of Review: To ensure that Product 4.3 presents the current state of scientific knowledge and information for assessing and evaluating the effects of climate change and variability on ecosystems and climate-sensitive natural resources, as well as potential management strategies, in a comprehensive, objective, and transparent manner.

Type of Review: [X] Panel Review [] Individual Reviewers
[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 02/01/07 End: 05/31/07 Completed: _____

Number of Reviewers: [] 3 or fewer [] 4 to 10 [X] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: _____
In general, reviewers will have demonstrated through peer reviewed publications and other relevant accomplishments expertise in understanding the key scientific and technical issues related to climate change and variability specific to their discipline. Expert reviewers will be recruited from a broad set of scientific and social science disciplines including agronomy, soil science, livestock production, forest management, ecology, biology, agricultural and resource economics, and public policy.

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [] Designated Outside Organization
Organization's Name: _____

Opportunities for Public Comment? [X] Yes [] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:
How: A 30-day public comment period, administered through CCSP
When: Following expert peer-review. Current estimate is that public review would occur in June, 2007

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? Yes No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? Yes No

Other: _____

