

## Peer Review Plan

Title of Review: RTI 2004 Survey of Meat [ X ] **Influential Scientific Information**  
and Poultry Slaughtering  
and Processing Plants

Agency: FSIS [ ] **Highly Influential Scientific Assessment**

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Subject of Review: BSE

Purpose of Review: Following the detection of the first case of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in the United States, on December 30, 2003, the USDA implemented measures to strengthen protections against BSE in the United States. To evaluate the potential impact of the measures on entities that are regulated by FSIS, RTI was contracted to conduct a survey of beef establishments to collect information on industry practices (2004-2005). RTI was tasked with collecting information to assist FSIS in the analysis of effects of existing FSIS measures and measures recommended by the International Review Team.

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

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 12/15/05 End: Completed:

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

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economist, beef industry experts, BSE experts

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

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

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:  
How: FSIS will have a public process to comment on the survey and economic model either as part of rulemaking or as part of the *Federal Register* notice making it available. This occurs after a peer review of the survey and economic model, and is done in addition to the peer review process.

When: Winter 2005/2006

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments?     Yes             No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel?     Yes             No

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

