

Peer Review Plan

Title of Review: FSIS BSE/SRM Survey of 2002 and Economic Model [] **Influential Scientific Information**

Agency: FSIS [X] **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, FSIS conducted a survey of beef establishments to develop an economic regulatory impact analysis model (2002-2003). FSIS was tasked with developing an economic model to reflect information available through December 2003, develop a baseline, and to analyze the 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, epidemiologist, 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: _____

