Peer Review Plan

Title of Review:	BSE Harvard Risk Assessment Phase I	[] Influential Scientific Information				
Agency:	FSIS	[x] Highly Influen	itial Scientific Assessment			
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Subject of Review:	BSE					
Purpose of Review:	Following the detection of the first case of BSE in the United States, on December 30, 2003, the USDA announced safeguards to strengthen protections against Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in the United States. To evaluate the potential impact of these policies, combined with recent scientific developments, USDA contracted Harvard to revisit the BSE risk assessment model (2001/3). Harvard was tasked with revision of the model to reflect information available through December 2003, develop a new baseline, and to analyze of the effects of USDA/FDA policies and recommendations from the International Review Team.					
Type of Review:		Review ative Process (Briefly Ex	[x] Individual Reviewers xplain):			
Timing of Review (Es	t.): Start: 07/31/05	5 End:	Completed:			
Number of Reviewers	: [] 3 or fewer	[x] 4 to 10	[] More than 10			
Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review:						
modeler/engineer, epidemiologist, microbiologist, BSE experts						
Reviewers selected by: [] Agency [x] Designated Outside Organization Organization's Name: SAIC or RTI						
Opportunities for Publ	lic Comment?	[x] Yes	[] No			
How: Note: I rulema peer re	rte how and when these opportuncts FSIS will have a public process king or as part of the Federal Review of the risk assessment and 2005/2006	to comment on the risk a	available. This occurs after a			
Peer Reviewers Provid	ded with Public Comments?	[] Yes	[x] No			

Public Nominations Reques	sted for Review Panel?	[] Yes	[x] No	
Other:				
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