Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Economic Burden of Major Foodborne Illnesses Acquired in the United States

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

    [X]   Influential Scientific Information

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

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Subject of Review: Over 90 percent of the estimated 9.4 million annual cases of foodborne illness for which a pathogen cause is known is caused by 15 pathogens. We estimate that the approximately 8.9 million cases of foodborne illnesses caused by these pathogens imposed $15.2 billion in economic burden in 2013. The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of recent cost of foodborne illness estimates and to explain these estimates to a general audience. The report includes a summary of recent research and two-page overviews for each of 15 pathogns with visuals intended to help a general audience better understand recent cost of illness estiamtes. This report is a companion piece to a new ERS data product, ERS, Cost of Illness Estimates for Major Foodborne Illnesses in the U.S. (http://ers.usda.gov/data-products/cost-estimates-of-foodborne-illnesses.aspx).

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: 10/09/14   End: 01/15/15   Completed: 01/15/15

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
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    When:
Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments?   [ ]   Yes   [X]   No
Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel?   [ ]   Yes   [X]   No