

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Food-safety test performance and public disclosure: The value of information in encouraging improvements in food safety in the chicken-slaughter industry

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

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

Agency Contact: Cindy Nickerson, [cnickerson@ers.usda.gov](mailto:cnickerson@ers.usda.gov)

Subject of Review: This paper examines the impact of a policy of disclosing the identities of chicken slaughter establishments with poor or mediocre performance on *Salmonella* tests on subsequent *Salmonella* test outcomes. Empirical results show that public disclosure of the identities of establishments with mediocre or poor performance on *Salmonella* spp. tests led to a substantial industry-wide drop in *Salmonella* spp. levels over the 2008–10 period. The reduction in *Salmonella* spp. levels enabled a reduction in the permissible amount of (tolerance for) *Salmonella* spp. on chicken carcasses of more than 50 percent.

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: 06/10/16 End: 09/23/16 Completed: 09/23/16

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  
If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:  
How:  
When:

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

