Preliminary Title: Resource Requirements of Future Food Demand in the United States

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

[X] Influential Scientific Information

Agency: Economic Research Service

USDA

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Subject of Review: Daily food consumption in the United States was an estimated 767 billion Calories in 2010, 50 percent higher than the same estimate for 1984. Natural resources, including land, water, air, minerals and forests provide inputs essential to ensuring the availability of an adequate daily food supply for Americans. To accommodate further growth in food demand like the 50 percent increase between 1984 and 2010, it is important to understand the U.S. food system’s reliance on the country’s natural resource endowments. This Brief considers the use of natural resources under two future diet scenarios.

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: 2/26/2019

Completed: XX/XX/19

Withdrawn: XX/XX/19

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