

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Emerging Energy Industries and Rural Growth

Type of Report
(ERR, EIB, EB) ERR

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

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Subject of Review: A decade of higher energy prices and the expectation that high prices will persist has encouraged policy makers to promote domestic energy production from renewable and clean sources. Three emerging energy industries in the U.S. are unconventional natural gas, wind, and corn-based ethanol. From 2000 to 2010, all three energy industries more than doubled their output, with most of the growth occurring in rural areas with abundant land for drilling pads, wind turbines, and corn fields. Aside from environmental benefits and less dependence on foreign energy, proponents highlight the economic opportunities created by the emerging industries, and studies projecting the contributions to local and regional economies abound. This report provides one of the first assessments of their developmental impacts based on actual data.

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: 12/13/12 End: 02/21/13 Completed: 05/14/13

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

