Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Agricultural Resources and Environmental Indicators, 2018 Edition

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

Agency: Economic Research Service USDA

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Subject of Review:
Agricultural Resources and Environmental Indicators, 2018 Edition, describes trends in economic, structural, resource, and environmental indicators in the agriculture sector, focusing on changes since the release of Agricultural Resources and Environmental Indicators, 2012. These indicators are useful to assess important changes in U.S. agriculture—the industry’s development, its environmental effects; and the implications for economic, social, and environmental sustainability. This report tracks key resources, including natural, produced, and management resources, that are used in and affected by agricultural production, as well as structural changes in farm production and the economic conditions and policies that influence agricultural resource use and its environmental impacts. Each chapter provides a concise overview of a specific topic with links to sources of additional information.

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Start: 07/21/17 Completed: XX/XX/17 Withdrawn: XX/XX/17

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