

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Sub-National Estimates of Access to Healthy

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

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

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Subject of Review: Accessing affordable and nutritious food is a challenge for many Americans. An estimated 19 million individuals, or 6.2 percent of the U.S. population that lived in low-income and low access areas had limited access to a supermarket or grocery store in 2015. This report provides updated estimates of supermarket access across characteristics of the population—specifically by age, race, ethnicity, income, vehicle access and SNAP participation status. These estimates are also produced separately for urban and rural areas. In addition, for the first time, ERS has summarized food store access by State, metropolitan, and micropolitan areas to provide state and local users with information by which to compare their areas with the rest of the country. Estimates for 2010 and 2015 are provided for each state in order to understand trends in supermarket access over time. Spatial access to healthy and affordable food is proxied by measuring the distance to the nearest supermarket for the overall U.S. population and for subpopulations.

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Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 5/2/2018 Completed: 11/21/18 Withdrawn: XX/XX/18

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