

## Peer Review Plan

Title of Review: WIC Infant and Toddler Feeding Practices Study II  **Influential Scientific Information**

Agency: FNS  **Highly Influential Scientific Assessment**

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Subject of Review: WIC Infant and Toddler Feeding Practices Study II

Purpose of Review: FNS will seek scientific peer review for the subject study.

Type of Review:  Panel Review  Individual Reviewers  
 Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):  
Individual manuscripts based on analysis of study data are submitted to scientific journals and receive peer review through the journal peer review process.

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 2017 End: 2023 Completed: 2023

Number of Reviewers:  3 or fewer  4 to 10  More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: There are three areas of expertise needed: (1) research methodology and statistical analysis; (2) knowledge of subject FNS programs; and (3) expertise in breastfeeding, infant and toddler feeding, and nutrition for young children.

Reviewers selected by:  Agency  Designated Outside Organization  
Organization's Name: The scientific journals to which the manuscripts are submitted

Opportunities for Public Comment?  Yes  No

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

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments?  Yes  No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel?  Yes  No

Other: \_\_\_\_\_



The reviewers will be charged with two tasks as follows:

1. Reviewers will be requested to determine if (i) the data collection as implemented was appropriate, (ii) whether the analyses as carried out reflect the original plans and (iii) whether the analyses are appropriate given the actual implementation of sampling and data collection.
2. Reviewers will be charged with evaluating the clarity of hypotheses, the robustness of the methods employed to address the hypotheses, the appropriateness of the methods for the hypotheses being tested, the extent to which the conclusions follow from the analysis, and the strengths and limitations of the overall conclusions. The peer reviewers will be requested, as appropriate, to suggest ways to clarify assumptions, findings, and conclusions; identify oversights, omissions, and inconsistencies; and, if needed, encourage authors to more fully acknowledge limitations and uncertainties.