

Peer Review Plan

Title of the Review: An Evaluation of Risk to U.S. Consumers from Methylmercury in Commercial Fish Products, Including a Quantitative Assessment of Risk and Beneficial Health Effects from Fish

Tentative Assessment:

- Influential Scientific Information
- Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

Agency Contact: Philip Spiller

Officer or Center: Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition

Subject of the Review: Draft quantitative risk assessment of public health impact of eating commercial fish & fish products containing methylmercury

Purpose of the Review: Evaluate risk assessment per questions in peer review charge.

Type of Review

- Individual Reviews (Letter Review)
- Panel Review
- Alternative Process (Briefly Explain): _____

Timing of Review: To begin immediately after posting this peer review plan

Number of Reviewers:

- 3 or less
- 4 to 10
- More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise of Reviewers: See addendum sheet

Reviewers Selected by:

- Agency
- Designated Outside Organization

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel:

- Yes
- No

Opportunities for the Public to Comment:

- Yes
- No

If Yes, briefly state how and when will these opportunities be provided: After letter peer review, the risk assessment will be issued in draft for public comment via Federal Register Notice.

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments:

- Yes
- No



Addendum

A contractor will be used to select the reviewers. The types of expertise/disciplines required follow:

1. Epidemiologist
2. Dietary exposure analyst with seafood consumption expertise
3. Toxicologist with expertise in dose-response assessment
4. Cardiologist with expertise in the role of nutrition in the incidence of coronary heart disease and stroke
5. Dose-response modeler with particular expertise in exposures to environmental contaminants
6. Pediatric neurologist with expertise in the role of nutrition in neurological development