

**ATTACHMENT B**

**10-Year Comprehensive Plan for National Monitoring  
And Related Research (1993 Exec. Summary and Task V-C-2.4)**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES AND  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Ten-Year Comprehensive Plan for the  
National Nutrition Monitoring and  
Related Research Program**

**AGENCIES:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**ACTION:** Publication of the ten-year comprehensive plan for the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Program.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces the issuance of the Ten-Year Comprehensive Plan for the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Program, as required by Section 103 of the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990. The Plan set forth below was developed by HHS and USDA under the guidance of the Administration-wide Interagency Board for Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research. The Plan also responds to comments received during a period of public review (FR 57 55716-55767, October 29, 1991).

**ADDRESS:** Copies of the public comments received are available at the Human Nutrition Information Service (HNIS), USDA, 6505 Belcrest Road, room 360, Hyattsville, MD 20782, or at the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 6525 Belcrest Road, room 1000, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Prior to its publication, the Ten-Year Comprehensive Plan was widely discussed and disseminated among a variety of professional audiences, including representatives from Federal, State, and local governments; academia; the health community; consumer interest groups; private industry; and the National Nutrition Monitoring Advisory Council. A total of 53 written comments were received during the 90-day comment period in addition to numerous other forms of input during the development of the Plan.

Responses to the Plan were compiled and evaluated. In general, the responses to the scope and objectives of the Plan were positive in nature, including acknowledgement of the comprehensive

scope of the Plan and the coordination that occurred to produce the draft Plan within the legislated time-frame. The major issues raised in the public comments included the need for:

- Improved and more timely dissemination of data and information from the Program.
- One responsible organization for each activity where possible to assure accountability.
- More specific description of how coverage of population subgroups at nutritional risk will be addressed.
- Inexpensive, robust methods for assessing the nutritional status of populations at State and local levels, including dietary intake.
- Improved timeliness in accomplishing and defining products for some activities.
- Recognizing the importance of examining food sufficiency throughout the Nutrition Monitoring Program.
- Including brand name data in the food and nutrient data base.
- Using food intake surveys to estimate exposure and risk for environmental contaminants and pesticide residues.

Specific areas of the Plan that have been added or changed as a result of the public comments include the addition of a section on dissemination of information; the establishment of a three-tiered system for designating responsible, contributing, and collaborating organizations for each activity in the Plan and an annual review of progress by the Interagency Board; revisions of certain activities to address better coverage of population subgroups; strengthening activities to further the development and use of appropriate methods for assessing nutritional status and food sufficiency; and the establishment of a task force to examine the issue of using brand name food items for nutrition monitoring.

Dated: June 3, 1993.

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**Foreword**

The National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990 requires the establishment and implementation of a Ten-Year Comprehensive Plan for nutrition monitoring and related research. The

Plan coordinates the nutrition monitoring activities of 22 Federal agencies under the joint direction of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Services. The goal of the Plan is to establish a comprehensive nutrition monitoring and related research program for the Federal government by collecting quality data that are continuous, coordinated, timely, and reliable; using comparable methods for data collection and reporting of results; conducting relevant research; and efficiently and effectively disseminating and exchanging information with data users.

This document provides a brief history and review of past accomplishments in Federal nutrition monitoring and presents the Plan for the next decade, 1992-2002. The Plan defines over 70 activities for nutrition monitoring and related research required by law or recommended by scientific experts and nutrition monitoring data users, and identifies priorities for the Federal agencies responsible for conducting nutrition monitoring surveys and related research. The Plan complements and expands the current programs for nutrition monitoring in the Federal Government. Each listed activity includes the assigned responsible agencies and the timelines for completion.

The broad range of activities in the Ten-Year Plan would provide the Federal government the opportunity to achieve the main objectives of a coordinated comprehensive National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Program. Some projects are currently underway, and others have been outlined for future implementation.

Meeting the objectives toward which endeavors are directed for national nutrition monitoring and related research will be heavily influenced by the financial resource availability of the agencies involved to complete critical projects and activities. We estimate that allocations of about 20 to 40 percent above current funding levels (\$156.5 million in FY 1992) will be needed if we are to meet the goals that have been set for a comprehensive National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Program. Based on budget projections developed to reflect the activities designed to be completed during the first five years of the Plan, additional appropriations of over \$200 million may be required to fully implement the Ten-Year Plan through FY 1998. These funds are in addition to the support that will be needed to maintain the ongoing

baseline activities that underpin the Plan-specific activities.

The Ten-Year Plan was developed to complement and enhance the wide range of nutrition monitoring activities that have been underway for many years. It cannot be emphasized enough that the success of this undertaking can only be achieved if the Congress consistently provides a reasonable level of support for the 7 Departments and 22 agencies covered by the Plan over the next decade.

In recent years, even modest increases for the support of nutrition monitoring and related research have not always been forthcoming. To bring to fruition all the potential in the Ten-Year Plan will require a long-term commitment by both the Executive and Legislative Branches of the Federal Government.

#### Outline

#### Ten-Year Comprehensive Plan for the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Program

#### Acronyms and Abbreviations

#### I. Introduction

#### II. The National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Program (NNMRRP)

- A. Purposes and uses of nutrition monitoring data
- B. Milestones of the National Nutrition Monitoring System
- C. Structure of Federal coordination of the NNMRRP
- D. The National Nutrition Monitoring Advisory Council

#### III. Scope and format of the Ten-Year Comprehensive Plan

#### IV. Activities of the Interagency Board for Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research (IBNMRR)

#### V. National objectives and activities

- Objective V-A: Provide for a comprehensive NNMRRP through continuous and coordinated data collection*
1. Nutrition and related health measurements
  2. Food and nutrient consumption
  3. Knowledge, attitudes, and behavior assessments
  4. Food composition and nutrient data bases
  5. Food supply determinations
- Objective V-B: Improve the comparability and quality of data across the NNMRRP*
1. Nutrition and related health measurements
  2. Food and nutrient consumption
  3. Knowledge, attitudes, and behavior assessments
  4. Food composition and nutrient data bases
- Objective V-C: Improve the research base for nutrition monitoring*
1. Nutrition and related health measurements
  2. Food and nutrient consumption
  3. Knowledge, attitudes, and behavior assessments
  4. Food composition and nutrient data bases

#### 8. Food supply determinations

#### VI. State and local objectives and activities

- Objective VI-A: Develop and strengthen State and local capacity for continuous and coordinated data collection*
- Objective VI-B: Improve methodologies to enhance comparability of NNMRRP data across Federal, State, and local levels*
- Objective VI-C: Improve the quality of State and local nutrition monitoring data*

#### VII. Calendar for planned IBNMRR, national, State, and local objectives and activities

#### VIII. References

#### IX. Appendices

- Appendix 1 Joint DHHS-USDA Working Group for the development of the Ten-Year Comprehensive Plan for the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Program
- Appendix 2 Nutrition monitoring activities from 1982 through 1991
- Appendix 3 Current and planned nutrition monitoring activities from 1992-2002
- Appendix 4 Overview of current NNMRRP surveys and surveillance activities
- Appendix 5 Detailed conceptual model of food to health
- Appendix 6 Illustration of the relationships among nutrition policymaking, research, and monitoring with respect to a coronary risk factor, biomedical education program

#### X. Glossary

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Recommend a standardized mechanism and instrument(s) for defining and obtaining data on the prevalence of "food insecurity" or "food insufficiency" in the United States and methodologies that can be used across NNMRRP and at State and local levels.

*Responsible organizations:* CDC/NCHS, FNS.

*Contributing organizations:* CDC/NOCDPHP, HRIS.

*Collaborating organizations:* ERS, ES, HRSA, IHS.