

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE
 OFFICE OF SCIENTIFIC QUALITY REVIEW

ACTION CLASS JUDGEMENT OF ARS RESEARCH PROJECT

Project Title

National Program

Date

Lead Scientist

Reviewer Identification
Number

Panel Chair Initials

Overall Project Evaluation

- No Revision
Required
 Minor
Revision
Required
 Moderate
Revision
Required
 Major
Revision
Required
 Not
Feasible

Definition of Action Classes

No revision required

An excellent plan: no revision is required, but minor changes to the project plan may be suggested.

Minor revision required

The project plan is feasible as written, and requires only minor clarification or revision to increase quality to a higher level.

Moderate revision required

The project plan is basically feasible, but requires changes or revision to the work on one or more objectives, perhaps involving alteration of the experimental approaches, in order to increase quality to a higher level, and may need some rewriting for greater clarity.

Major revision required

There are significant flaws in the experimental design and/or approach or a lack of clarity which hampers understanding. Significant revision is needed.

Not feasible

The project plan, as presented, has major flaws or deficiencies, and cannot be simply revised. Deficiencies exist in approach, experimental design, presentation, or expertise which make it unlikely to succeed.

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