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**Westat IRB Approval Letter**

National Food Study Pilot

Agency: Economic Research Service

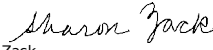

Contractor: Westat, Inc.

## Memo

**Date:** December 29, 2015

**To:** Janice Machado, Project Director

**From:** Sharon Zack, Primary Reviewer, Westat IRB

  
Sharon Zack  
I have reviewed and approve this document 

**Subject** **Expedited Approval of FoodAPS Pilot, Project Number**  
**:** **6269.03.06**  
**FWA 00005551**

I reviewed the materials submitted for the following: **National Food Study (NFS) Pilot, Project Number 6269.03.06**. The Westat IRB reviews all studies involving research on human subjects. This project is funded by the Economic Research Service at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The purpose of this study is to collect data on food purchased or otherwise acquired in the United States. Westat will test an alternate data collection method for collecting this data.

Data collection will include two laboratory studies, a small field test, and a pilot study.

IRB regulations permit expedited review of certain activities involving minimal risk [45 CFR pt. 46.110]. This study can be considered minimal risk and is approved under expedited authority.

As the Project Director, you are responsible for the following:

- Submit this study for a continuing review before December 24, 2016.
- In the interim, notify the IRB Office as soon as possible if there are any injuries to subjects as well as problems or changes with the study that relate to human subjects.

cc: Institutional Review Board  
Alicia Sutherland