

Appendix K

IRB Determination

Exploratory Semi-structured Interviews on Retail Food Loss

Agency: Economic Research Service

Contractor: RTI International



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NOT HUMAN RESEARCH DETERMINATION

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Dear [Sheryl Cates](#):

On 1/31/2019, the IRB reviewed the following submission:

Type of Review:	Initial Study
Title:	Retail-Level Loss Factors for Loss-Adjusted Food Availability (LAFA) Series
Investigator:	Sheryl Cates
IRB ID:	STUDY00020471
Funding Source:	USDA ERS
Customer/Client Name:	USDA ERS
Project/Proposal Number:	0216673.001.008
Contract/Grant Number:	1232SB18F033
IND, IDE, or HDE:	None

The IRB determined that the proposed activity is not research involving human subjects as defined by DHHS regulations.

Although RTI IRB oversight of this activity is not required, this determination applies only to the activities described in the IRB submission and may not apply should any changes be made. If the nature or scope of the activity changes and there are questions about whether the revised activities constitute human subjects research, you should contact the IRB to discuss whether a new submission and determination is necessary.

Sincerely,

The RTI Office of Research Protection