**Appendix I**

**IRB Determination**

**Exploratory Semi-structured Interviews on Retail Food Loss—Wave 2**

Agency: Economic Research Service



NOT HUMAN RESEARCH DETERMINATION

February 1, 2019 [Sheryl Cates](https://irbexpress.rti.org/IRB/sd/Rooms/DisplayPages/LayoutInitial?Container=com.webridge.entity.Entity%5BOID%5BE826D8EF4BAEC345A04D6071A3B7885D%5D%5D)

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Dear [Sheryl Cates](https://irbexpress.rti.org/IRB/sd/Rooms/DisplayPages/LayoutInitial?Container=com.webridge.entity.Entity%5BOID%5BE826D8EF4BAEC345A04D6071A3B7885D%5D%5D):

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

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| 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

