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SUBJECT: CRADA Review Procedures

TO: ARS Administrator's Council

FROM: Floyd P. Horn /s/ Floyd P. Horn Administrator

At the February meeting of the Administrator's Council, we discussed a proposal for the review of Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADAs). Based on that discussion, the review procedures have been revised (see enclosure). Effective immediately, these procedures should be used for all CRADA documents.

The Office of Technology Transfer has the primary role in negotiating and assuring the timely review of these agreements. However, this can be accomplished with the active participation of ARS scientists, line managers, and the National Program Staff using the outlined procedures. The CRADA program has proven to be a successful mechanism to rapidly develop ARS discoveries into products benefiting agriculture. The CRADA Review Procedures will allow oversight of this process to assure that collaborative research fits within the public mission of the Agency's program.

Enclosure

cc: Technology Transfer Coordinators