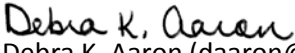


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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: 
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Chair, Project Renewal Committee, NCERA-214

RE: Justification for Retaining Old (214) Project Number

A request has been submitted to renew NCERA-214. At the 2013 Annual Meeting of the NCERA-214 Committee, it was agreed that the old project number (214) should be retained when the project was renewed in 2014. The most pressing reason for retaining the old number is that much of the collaborative work conducted as part of this multi-state project involves breeding and genetic projects, which are long-term in nature and involve animal numbers that are referenced by the multi-state project number. A second reason is that this project has strong ties to industry groups and producer associations. These groups and associations are familiar with the old number. Changing it could create confusion.