

Agenda Item 8.0: ARS Report

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Background:

The ARS Capital Investment Strategy (CIS) report published in April 2012 will be reviewed. Requested by the Secretary and both the Senate and House Subcommittees on agriculture appropriations, the CIS report provides an inventory of major ARS-owned research facilities and their relative physical condition and adequacy. These data combined with an assessment of the relative priority of the research carried out in the facilities provided the basis for determining investments needed and recommendations made to renovate, modernize, or replace those facilities in greatest need. Some university and other cooperator facilities that house ARS research are addressed in the CIS report to a limited extent. While not a request for funding, the strategy report will guide the development of future budget proposals as economic opportunities permit. The facility recapitalization principles and priority setting criteria and processes used by ARS may have application to other organizations, institutions, and partnerships for developing infrastructure investment strategies and priorities.

Action Requested: For information.