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## Action Memo

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**John Henderschedt, Acting Chairman**  
**Chris Oliver, Executive Director**

**SUBJECT:**

Electronic Monitoring Development - EM Workgroup Report; SSC Review of Study Designs (T)

**ESTIMATED TIME:**

2 Hours

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

- (a) Review minutes from Electronic Monitoring Workgroup meeting
- (b) ~~SSC review of Cooperative Research Plan study designs~~

**BACKGROUND:**

The Electronic Monitoring Workgroup met by teleconference over the summer, and in person September 23-24, 2014 (minutes for both meetings are posted online). The Workgroup made considerable progress with outlining a framework for the regulatory amendment package to integrate EM as part of the Observer Program, with draft elements of a purpose and need statement, alternatives, decision points, and implementation. The Workgroup proposes to continue working on this framework over the next couple of months, and refine the 2015 Cooperative Research Plan (CRP) to be responsive to the decision points and information needs of the analytical framework. To that end, the Workgroup has renamed the research 'tracks' of the research plan into a series of research projects, which are described in the CRP projects table.

In June 2014, the Council asked the SSC to review the Cooperative Research Plan, including specific study designs, in order to inform the Council as to whether the research will provide the necessary information and. While that review was initially scheduled for the October Council meeting, the EMWG determined in September that more development of the 2015 research program is warranted. As a result, SSC review is proposed for February 2015. This should accommodate the preparation of a more complete research plan, but still allow SSC feedback to be addressed before the onset of the 2015 fieldwork.