

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NARA)

NARA

Statement of Regulatory Priorities

Overview

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) issues regulations directed to other Federal agencies and to the public. Records management regulations directed to Federal agencies concern the proper management and disposition of Federal records. Through the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO), NARA also issues Governmentwide regulations concerning information security classification and declassification programs. NARA regulations directed to the public address access to and use of our historically valuable holdings, including archives, donated historical materials, Nixon Presidential materials, and Presidential records. NARA also issues regulations relating to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) grant programs.

NARA has one regulatory priority for fiscal year 2010, which is included in The Regulatory Plan. We are drafting regulations for the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), established under the OPEN Government Act of 2007. The OGIS Director is responsible for reviewing policies and procedures of administrative agencies under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); reviewing compliance with FOIA by administrative agencies; and recommending policy changes to Congress and the President to improve the administration of FOIA.

PROPOSED RULE STAGE

157. • OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES

Priority:

Other Significant

Legal Authority:

PL 110–175

CFR Citation:

Not Yet Determined

Legal Deadline:

None

Abstract:

The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), established under the OPEN Government Act of 2007, is responsible for reviewing policies and procedures of administrative agencies under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); reviewing compliance with FOIA by administrative agencies; and recommending policy changes to Congress and the President to improve the administration of FOIA.

Statement of Need:

The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), established under the OPEN Government Act of 2007, may require implementing regulations.

Summary of Legal Basis:

The Open Government Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-175) requires the

establishment of an Office of Government Information Services within NARA. OGIS will oversee Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) activities government-wide.

Anticipated Cost and Benefits:

OGIS, as an organization responsible for reviewing policies and procedures of administrative agencies under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); reviewing compliance with FOIA by administrative agencies; and recommending policy changes to Congress and the President to improve the administration of FOIA, is expected to increase the efficiency of the FOIA process.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/10	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:

No

Government Levels Affected:

Federal

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