



Federal Committee on
Statistical Methodology

The Trust Regulation: Fundamental Responsibilities of Statistical Agencies

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This presentation does provide new OMB guidance or interpret exiting guidance.



Evidence Act Vision for Statistical Agencies

Evidence Act recognizes statistical agencies as the foundation of data for evidence-building.

Stat agencies need **strengthening**, additional **authorities** to acquire data, and additional **responsibilities**/requirements to provide data. Then the system needs to **scale**.

- Codification of Statistical Policy Directive #1 (Trust Reg)
- Presumption of Accessibility for Statistical Agencies
- Expanding Secure Access to CIPSEA Data Assets
- Standard Application to Access Data Assets for Developing Evidence
- CIPSEA Designation Guidance



Statistical Policy Directive No. 1



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Statistical Policy Directive No. 1: Fundamental Responsibilities of Federal Statistical Agencies and Recognized Statistical Units

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Fundamental Principles

Fundamental Responsibilities:

- Relevant and Timely
- Accurate
- Objective
- Confidential

See also:

- *Principles and Practices for a Federal Statistical Agency* - CNSTAT
- *European Statistics Code of Practice* - Eurostat
- *Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics* - UN
- *Principles and Practices for International Statistics* - OECD



Relevant and Timely

- ☑ Be knowledgeable about the issues
- ☑ Communicate and coordinate across agencies
- ☑ Seek input from data users
- ☑ Be innovative to improve accuracy, timeliness, and efficiency



Credible and Accurate

- ☑ Regularly evaluate data and products
- ☑ Publicly describe methods and limitations, including for outside data
- ☑ Seek new methods and adopt new technologies
- ☑ Provide dissemination policies and ensure equitable access to publicly disseminated data



Objective

- ☑ Make products available on an equitable, policy-neutral, transparent, timely, and punctual basis.

- ☑ function in an environment that is clearly separate and autonomous from the other administrative, regulatory, law enforcement, or policy-making activities within their respective Departments

- ☑ conduct statistical activities autonomously when determining...
 - what information to collect
 - physical security and information systems security
 - methods to apply in their estimation procedures and data analysis
 - when and how to store and disseminate their statistical products
 - which staff to select to join their agencies



Objective (Con't)

- ✓ seek to avoid even the appearance that agency design, collection, processing, editing, compilation, storage, analysis, release, and dissemination processes may be manipulated.
- ✓ select candidates for statistical positions based primarily on their scientific and technical knowledge, credentials, experience, and integrity.
- ✓ maintain and develop in-house staff who are trained in statistical methodology to properly plan, design, and implement core data collection operations and to accurately analyze their data.



Protect the Trust of Information Providers

- ☑ ensure the confidentiality and exclusive statistical use of their responses.
- ☑ maintain a strong organizational climate that safeguards and protects the integrity and confidentiality of the data
- ☑ fully adhere to legal requirements and follow best practices for protecting the confidentiality of data



Congressional Direction: Evidence Act

(a) RESPONSIBILITIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each statistical agency or unit shall—

(A) produce and disseminate relevant and timely statistical information;

(B) conduct credible and accurate statistical activities;

(C) conduct objective statistical activities; and

(D) protect the trust of information providers by ensuring the confidentiality and exclusive statistical use of their responses.

(b) SUPPORT FROM OTHER AGENCIES.—The head of each agency shall enable, support, and facilitate statistical agencies or units in carrying out the responsibilities described in subsection (a)(1).



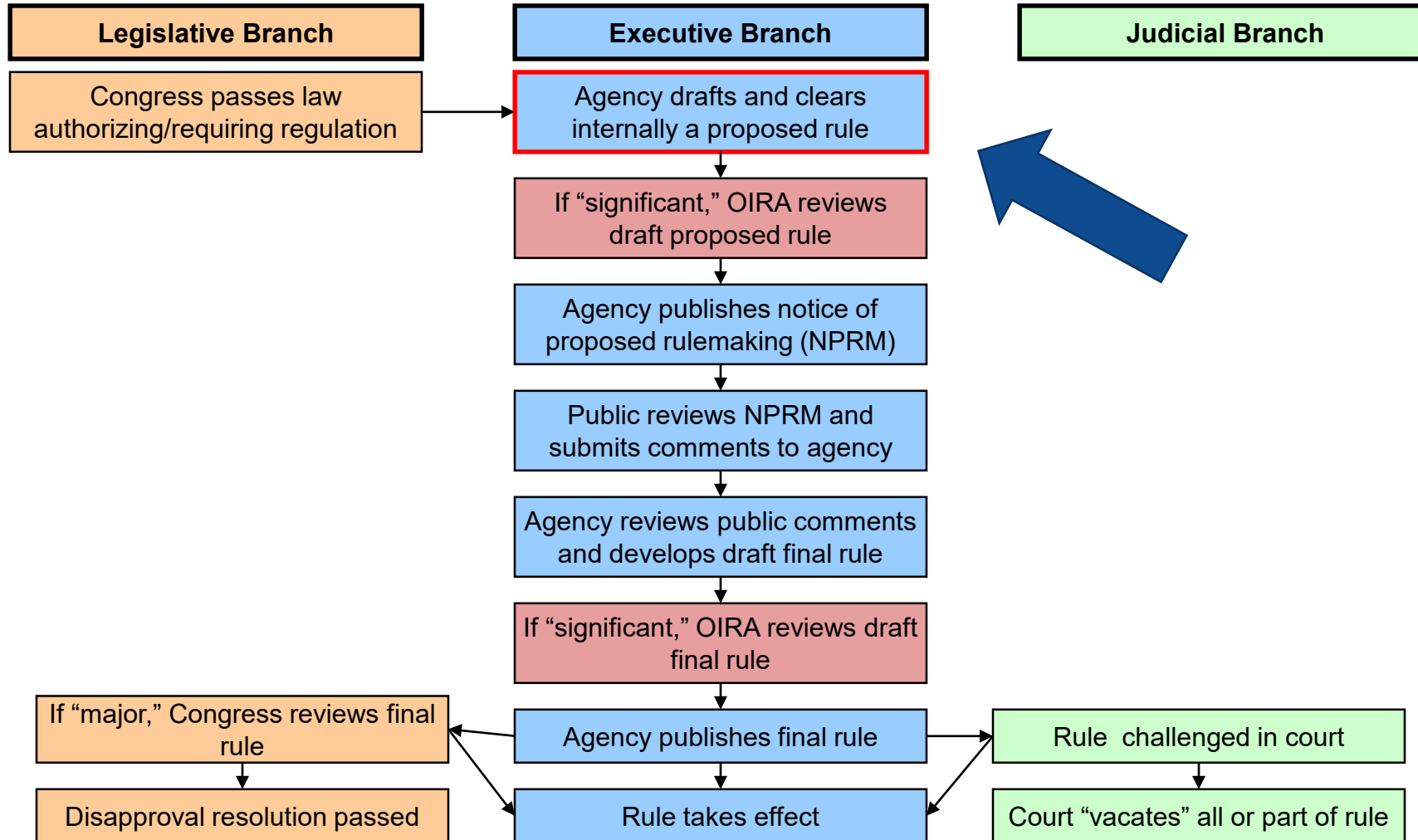
What's new?

**Elevates SPD
No. 1
to law!**

**Requires
support
from other
agencies!**



The Rulemaking Process





Thank You

Questions?

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