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Attachment 1

NRR Input to OMB Circular A-119 Annual Report

Period Covered: October 1, 2001 - September 30, 2002

Item No.	Information Request	Office Input	
		Number	Supporting Information
1	Identify all instances where a government-unique standard was used in lieu of an existing consensus standard.	0	
2	Number of consensus standards adopted final by the office.	0	
3	Identify consensus standards that have been used to replace government-unique standards.	0	
4	An evaluation of the effectiveness of OMB Circular A-119 policy and recommendations for any changes.	--	The policy guidelines provided in the circular for participating in voluntary consensus standards bodies and using voluntary consensus standards are consistent with longstanding NRR practices. The guidelines also provide sufficient and reasonable flexibility for each agency to make an independent case-by-case determination as to the usability of a particular standard within that agency's scope and responsibility.