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General Comment

The proposed regulations should be delayed until sufficient information is provided to the public. On January 21, 2009, President Obama jump-started the development of federal government websites by issuing a Memorandum on Transparency and Open Government (Obama, 2009, p. 4685). This memorandum emphasized that government should be transparent, participatory and collaborative. In terms of transparency, President Obama indicated that "Executive departments and agencies should harness new technologies to put information about their operations and decisions online and readily available to the public" and the President instructed the Director of Management and Budget and the Administrator of General Services to coordinate the development of the agencies and departments implementing the principals of this Open Government Directive (4685). In response, Director Orszag of the Office of Management and Budget issued an Open Government Directive on December 8, 2009, which presented a 60-day timetable to "respect the presumption of openness by publishing information online" and Director Orszag reminded the agencies that the government has defined guidelines as to the objectivity of information (Orszag, 2009, p. 1-10). The federal guidelines focused on whether the "disseminated information is being presented in an accurate, clear, complete and unbiased manner. This involves whether the information is being presented within a proper context" (Guidelines, 2001, p. 8459). You should be providing a summary of the existing radiation protection program as well as a summary of the proposed changes.

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