

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON

March 25, 1981

Honorable Joseph Hendrie Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission 1717 H Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Hendrie:

President Reagan is deeply concerned about the burden of Federal regulations and paperwork, and strongly believes we need to reduce the intrusion of the Federal government into our daily lives. He has established a Task Force on Regulatory Relief, which I chair, and he has issued Executive Order 12291 to establish procedures for careful review of new and existing regulations to assure their compliance with his goals of reducing regulatory burdens.

In this Executive Order, President Reagan ordered cabinet departments and agencies to choose, among feasible alternative approaches to any given regulatory objective, the alternative involving the least net cost to society. To help focus these efforts, he ordered that these agencies prepare a regulatory impact analysis of major regulatory actions.

We appreciate that your organization's internal procedures may make it difficult for you to comply with every provision of Executive Order 12291. For upcoming major regulations, however, I am requesting that you voluntarily adhere to Sections 2 and 3 of the Order. To the extent you can comply with the spirit of the Order, this will help demonstrate to the American people the willingness of all components of the Federal government to respond to their concerns about unnecessary intrusion of government into their daily lives.

By the enclosed communication, I have today carried out the President's wish to disband the U.S. Regulatory Council. You should note, however, that the staff will continue to prepare for publication the extraordinarily useful Regulatory Calendar. We solicit and urge your continued, and valued, participation in the Regulatory Calendar project.

President Reagan joins me in asking for your cooperation. Working together, we will be able to coordinate and reduce the cumulative burden of needless and overly rigid government regulation.

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Enclosure



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT WASHINGTON March 25, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Consolidation of Regulatory Oversight

President Reagan has made regulatory relief one of the top priorities of his economic policy. He has asked me, as Chairman of the Presidential Task Force on Regulatory Relief, to take clear, constructive, and decisive action to restrain Federal regulation and to improve the regulatory process. Through Executive Order 12291, issued February 17, 1981, President Reagan has directed the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, subject to the direction of the Task Force, to coordinate Executive branch regulatory policies.

This approach renders unnecessary the Regulatory Council, established by President Carter in 1978 as part of his efforts to gain control over the regulatory agencies. To avoid duplication of Task Force efforts and to ensure consistent direction to the agencies, the President has directed me to disband the Council effective immediately.

One major activity of the Council has been to publish, at least every six months, a unified "Regulatory Calendar" describing the goals and anticipated effects of major regulations under development. This is a useful effort which will be continued under the auspices of the Office of Management and Budget. I request that you continue to participate in this project and to provide the information which will be requested.

George Bush



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

BULLETIN NO. 81-20

June 2, 1981

TO THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 1982 Information Collection Budget Request

- 1. Purpose. This Bulletin announces the requirement and provides instructions and materials for the submission of FY 1982 Information Collection Budgets (ICBs).
- 2. Background. Section 3504 of Public Law 96-511, "Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980," stipulates that "The Director [of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)] shall develop and implement Federal information policies, principles, standards and guidelines and shall provide direction and oversee...the reduction of the paperwork burden..."

Pursuant to P.L. 96-511, OMB has determined that covered agencies shall prepare an annual information collection budget, i.e., an estimate of the total number of hours required of the public to comply with requests for information (reporting or recordkeeping). The budget should itemize each information collection, describe its purpose, and identify those in the public affected by it. P.L. 96-511 requires that each department and agency consider the time and financial resources expended by the public to provide information to a Federal agency. For FY 1982 OMB is only requiring estimates of the amount of time expended. For FY 1983 departments and agencies will be required to submit both time and financial resource estimates.

3. Coverage. The requirement for an FY 1982 Information Collection Budget applies to the following Executive Branch departments and agencies:

Department of Agriculture
Department of Commerce
Department of Defense
Department of Education
Department of Energy (incl. FERC)

Within the overall goal of 15 percent for FY 1982, we have established, in accordance with Section 3505(1)(E) of P.L. 96-511, a burden reduction goal of 10 percent for FY 1982 for information collections associated with the administration of Federal grant programs.

5. Planning Levels for FY 1982 and 1983. In order to achieve these goals, the planning level for the 1982 ICB is set at 15 percent, and for 1983 at 10 percent below the 1980 base figure for each covered agency. All covered agencies are expected to submit proposed ICBs that conform to these planning levels. Plans for obtaining the reduced levels (total and grants) must be described in the transmittal letter (see paragraph 6). Program changes to information collections in the benchmark are to be included in Exhibit 1 (see "additional notations" in Attachment A).

Departments and agencies are reminded that President Reagan's policy decisions that revised the FY 1981 and 1982 fiscal budgets and affect Federal information collections should be reflected in ICB submissions. Individual information collections affected by fiscal policy decisions should be identified in Exhibit 1 as described in Attachment A.

6. Required Materials. After determining that a specific information collection should begin, continue, or terminate during the budget year, appropriate details shall be provided for each information collection on Exhibit 1, prepared in accordance with Attachment A. OMB has provided covered departments and agencies with printouts in the FY 1982 ICB format of their existing information collections known to OMB. Mark up of these printouts to revise or delete items will comprise the ICB for most agencies. New or significantly revised proposals will require preparation of information in the same format. Blank formats are available upon request from the agency's desk officer, or the agency may submit the required information in a similar format.

Exhibit 2 aggregates data contained on Exhibit 1. It should be prepared in accordance with instructions in Attachment A.

The head of each covered department or agency, or the senior official appointed pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3506(b), should transmit the request. The transmittal letter should include the justification for the level of request, plans for attaining the goals and planning levels described in paragraphs 4 and 5, a description of major problems and issues considered during the preparation of the ICB, the rationale for significant program changes, consultations with respondent groups, and a discussion of the status of projects and issues mentioned in the FY 1981 allowance letter.

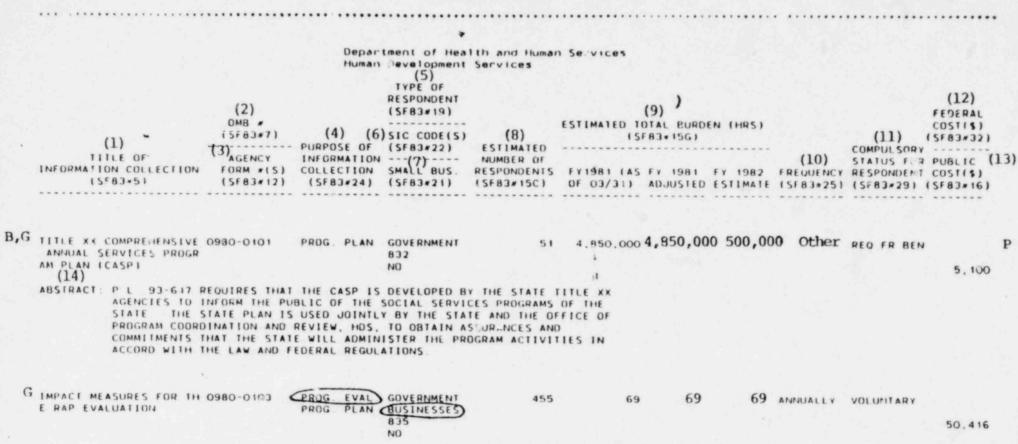
EXHIBIT 1

List in Exhibit 1 all information collections from the public. Information collections that previously received waivers from Federal Reports Act review by the Office of Management and Budget must be listed. At a minimum, all items contained in OMB's March 31, 1981, inventory of public use reports should be listed on Exhibit 1. Burden estimates (Standard Form 83#15g) are now required for all recordkeeping requirements.

The listing should be organized by bureau within a major organizational component and within bureau by: (1) proposed to be introduced; (2) those that will be revised; and (3) others in place.

Item

- 4, 5, 10, and 11 Purpose of information collection (SF83#24), type of respondent (SF 83#19), frequency (SF83#25), and degree of compulsory status for respondent (SF83#29) show as many as apply (if more than one type is listed, circle the type that accounts for the largest share of hours of reporting burden).
- 6 Type of respondent activity (Sr63#22) SIC codes are now required. One or more SIC codes <u>must</u> be listed unless type of respondent is only "individuals or households."
- 7 Small business or organization (SF83#21): yes/no. Indicate yes if any of the respondents are small businesses or organizations. Use criteria defined by the Small Business Administration.
- 9 Estimated total burden (hours) (SF83#15g)
 - a. FY 1981 as shown in OMB inventory (as of March 31, 1981).
 - b. FY 1981 adjusted reflects corrections and changes in use that are not a result of government action to change a program. Adjustments should only reflect corrections and changes in use through September, 1981. Adjustments for corrections and expected changes in use during FY 1982 should be made during the course of FY 1982.
 - Reflect new and revised reporting burdens approved or to be initiated between March 31, 1981, and September 30, 1981, and information collections currently in use but not previously approved by OMB.
 - c. FY 1982 estimate (October 1, 1981 Systember 30, 1982) proposed by agency. Only program charges should be reflected
 in the difference between FY 1981 and used and FY 1982
 estimate. Program changes in all the creases and decreases
 resulting from government act. on.
- 12 Federal cost (SF83#32) identify the average annual cost of the information collection if it is a separate activity, and total



ABSTRACT: RAP EVALUATION IMPACT MEASURES ASSESS QUALITY AND IMPACT OF RAP SERVICES ON HEAD START CLIENTS AND DOCUMENT INTERACTION BETWEEN RAP AND PUBLIC AGENCIES TO ADVANCE THE INTERESTS OF PRESCHOOL HANDICAPPED CHILDREN PESULTS WILL BE USED BY ACTT TO MAKE MANAGEMENT DECISIONS ABOUT THE RAP NETWORK

OMB Bulletin No.

THE WHITE HOUSE

March 23, 1978

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Today I issued an Executive Order to improve government regulations. This Order will open up new opportunities for public participation in the regulatory process, require regulations to be clearer and more understandable, and assure more effective oversight of the development of agency regulations.

I believe that this effort is one of the most important reform initiatives to be undertaken by my Administration. I have asked the members of the Cabinet and other agency heads to give personal priority and attention to implementing the Order. To be fully effective and achieve the full range of needed improvements, I believe that it would be useful for the independent regulatory commissions to initiate a voluntary effort to achieve similar procedural reforms.

As you know, public comment on whether or not to apply these procedures to independent regulatory agencies was specifically sought in the November 18, 1977 notice in the Federal Register. The overwhelming response was that these agencies should adopt the provisions of the Order. The public is seeking a change. They are encouraging us to seek new approaches to the way in which government regulates. They point out that if regulations were simpler, less burdensome, and more clearly understandable, people would be better able to comply with them.

I believe that the new spirit of openness, simplicity and clarity advocated in this Executive Order responds to the public's concerns. I know that many important reforms are already underway in the independent agencies and I believe that the requirements of the Order complement these efforts. I am asking you as Chairman of your agency to initiate your own program to incorporate the provisions of the Order. In addition, it would be useful for you to report progress on your efforts to the Congress and to me by June 30, 1978. I look forward to reviewing these reports.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Joseph Mallam Hendrie Chairman

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