



Improving Our Regulations Through Periodic Retrospective Review Fact Sheet

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is beginning a new periodic retrospective review of our existing significant regulations, to determine whether any such regulations should be modified, streamlined, expanded, or repealed, so as to make the Agency's regulatory program more effective or less burdensome in achieving the regulatory objectives.

As called for by President Obama in [Executive Order 13563](#), "to facilitate the periodic review of existing significant regulations," EPA will "consider how best to promote retrospective analysis of rules that may be outmoded, ineffective, insufficient, or excessively burdensome, and to modify, streamline, expand, or repeal them in accordance with what has been learned."

From 02/18/2011 to 04/04/2011, we asked the public to help us design the plan we will use to periodically review our regulations. We expect to post our preliminary plan on the Improving Our Regulations website (<http://www.epa.gov/improvingregulations>) by late May or early June.

Read about our activities online

From 02/18/2011 to 04/04/2011, many public citizens submitted comments on our plan for retrospective reviews of existing regulations. The comments were captured in a number of dockets on Regulations.gov that helped us to categorize the comments. You can access the dockets from three pages in the Improving Our Regulations website:

- [Public comments by issue or impact](#) (e.g., innovation, environmental justice, science).
- [Public comments by program area](#) (e.g., air, water, pesticides)
- [General public comments](#)

Visit [our home page](#) in late May or early June to read EPA's Preliminary Plan for Periodic Retrospective Reviews of Existing Regulations.

Learn about the public meetings that were held in March

In March 2011, EPA hosted a number of meetings to hear what you have to say about our plan for periodic retrospective reviews of our existing regulations.

Visit our meetings web page for information:

<http://www.epa.gov/improvingregulations/meeting.html>

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Visit <http://www.epa.gov/improvingregulations> to learn more about our periodic retrospective review efforts. Or, email improvingregulations.suggestionbox@epa.gov.