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Executive Order 13563 on Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review

We will review all comments; however, due to budgetary cutbacks required by the continuing resolution, we will not be able to make individualized responses. Thank you for your assistance.

On January 18, 2011, President Obama issued Executive Order 13563, which outlines several principles to improve regulation and regulatory review. Read the Executive Order and two related Memoranda on Regulatory Compliance and Regulatory Flexibility, Small Business and Job Creation.

The Executive Order outlines several guiding principles for Federal agencies to follow in their regulations, such as ensuring that an agency's regulations:

- Take into account costs and benefits to society
- Are based on the best available science
- Are developed in a manner that allows public participation
- Are accessible, consistent, and written in plain language
- Use the least burdensome methods to achieve regulatory goals

The Executive Order also requires agencies to consider how to promote the analysis of existing significant regulations that may be outmoded, ineffective, insufficient, or excessively burdensome. To facilitate our

Useful Links

- Executive Order: Improving Regulations and Regulatory Review

- Presidential Memorandum: Regulatory Compliance

- Presidential Memorandum: Regulatory Flexibility, Small Business, and Job Creation

- Social Security Regulations

review of that issue, we invite your comments on how well our existing regulations are consistent with the Executive Order's principles. Please send your comments to RegsReview@ssa.gov. We will carefully review all comments, but we are not able to respond to them individually.

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