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This is a comment on the Regulations.gov and the Federal Docket Management System project.

Use of e-dockets for notice-and-comment proceedings

I encourage ACUS to add the following recommendation:

In addition to using e-dockets for rulemaking proceedings, agencies should use e-dockets for Federal Register notice-and-comment proceedings to the maximum extent possible by including supporting and related material in the e-docket. Any supporting or related material that, by law or agency practice, is provided to the public upon request should be placed in an e-docket to the maximum extent possible. Doing so furthers the statutory purpose of the E-Government Act to "enhance public participation in Government by electronic means."

Example: Paperwork Reduction Act. When an agency publishes a Federal Register notice of a proposed information collection pursuant to 44 U.S.C. § 3507, the agency should post a copy of the proposed information collection in an e-docket and link to the e-docket from the Federal Register notice.

Example: Federal Records Act. When the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) publishes a Federal Register notice of proposed records schedules pursuant to 44 U.S.C. § 3303a(a), NARA should post copies of the proposed records schedules in an e-docket and link to the e-docket from the Federal Register notice.

Thank you,

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