



# PROCESS FOR THE FINAL RULE

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# Process for Finalizing Rule

- Comments
- Analysis and Responses
- Policy decisions
- Draft of final rule & Internal review
- Interagency Review
- OMB – E.O. 12866 Review
- Publication /Outreach
- Implementation



## Comments in Docket

- OPP eDocket OPP-2004-0387
- Submit comments on or before June 9, 2005
  - This rule: 90 days
- Several ways to submit comments
  - Page 12276 (70 FR, March 11, 2005)
- Constructive, clear, specifics



# Analysis and Responses

- Analyze comments by issue and position
- Analyze related issues or new information
- Draft responses
- Review of draft responses by experts



# Policy Decisions

- Consult with experts
- Elevate public input, new information, and/or alternatives to management



## Draft Final Rule and Internal Review

- Agency's responses to comments
- Summary of revisions
- Regulatory text to accompany revisions



# External Review

- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Congressional committees
- Office of Management and Budget
  - Review and approval under E.O. 12866



# Publication and Implementation

- Brief management
- Final rule regulatory package, approval, outreach
- Implementation
- Ambitious agenda
  - Publication December 2006
  - Subject to many variables



# Finally...

- Constructive, clear, specific comments
  - All issues organized by topic or rule section
  - Special note: Section XXIV (70 FR 12323)
- Timely submission of comments
  - Meet schedule
  - Late comments