



## Congressional Review Act Files

Records relating to GAO's review of federal agencies' compliance under the Congressional Review Act which provides Congress an opportunity to review certain rules promulgated by federal agencies before they go into effect and enact legislation disapproving any rule found to be too burdensome, excessive, inappropriate, or duplicative. GAO advises Congress on whether agencies have complied with procedural requirements associated with rulemaking, including those designed to ensure that rules and regulations do not impose an undue burden on small business. The rules fall into two types, non-major and major. These records include reports and testimonies to Congress of GAO findings, copies of nonmajor and major rules, cost benefit analysis, economic impact analysis, internal audit evaluation, and other information provided by the agency.

- a. Nonmajor Rules consist of routine, administrative, technical, or are region or site-specific rules received from federal agencies. Rules are received in hardcopy and electronic formats.

AUTHORIZED DISPOSITION: Close file at the end of the calendar year after rule is published in the Federal Register. Destroy 3 years after close of case. Files may be transferred to FRC after closure.

- ~~b. Major Rules as defined by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA) as those likely to have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more, result in a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, government agencies, or geographic regions; or adversely affect competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or international trade.~~

~~AUTHORIZED DISPOSITION: File with General Counsel's B-Files (legal case files) collection and retain 80 years after close of case. (B-Files are scheduled under N1-411-97-1, Item 60a and are retained for 80 years.)~~

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item 60a*

~~Note. All reports and testimonies are included in GAO's Documents--Publication Files, disposal authority number, N1-411-97-1, Item 221.~~

- c. Electronic Mail and Word Processing System Copies: Electronic copies of records that are created on electronic mail and word processing systems to generate a recordkeeping copy.

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