Regulatory Changes Since 1991

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The regulations listed below have been implemented or amended since the imposition of the 26 per cent cap on administrative costs in the Facilities and Administrative Cost recovered under OMB Circular A-21. The listed regulations directly affect the conduct and management of research under Federal grants and contracts. The list of current regulations is in chronological order. Significant changes in the implementation or interpretation of regulations or management processes are listed below in a separate section. The list concludes with significant proposed regulations. This list does not include the reporting requirements associated with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding support.

Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects (Common Rule, 1991)
Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention & Control Act of 1990 (Implemented, 1992)
NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant DNA Molecules (1994)
Deemed Exports (1994, EAR & ITAR)
   DFARS Export Control Compliance Clauses (2010)
Conflicts of Interest
   Public Health Service/NIH Objectivity in Research (1995; Amendments August 2012)
OMB Elimination of Utility Cost Studies (UCA) (1998)
Data Access /Shelby Amendment (FY 1999 Omnibus Appropriations Act); related amendments to OMB Circular A-110
Policy on Sharing of Biomedical Research Resources (NIH, 1999)
Misconduct in Science (Federalwide Policy, 2000)
   NEH, 2001
   NSF, 2002
   Labor, 2004
   HHS/PHS, 2005
   NASA, 2005
   Energy, 2005
   Veterans Affairs, 2005
   Education, 2005
   Transportation, 2005
   USDA, 2010
HHS Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) National Coverage Determination for Routine Clinical Trials (Clinical Trials Policy), 2000
Health and Human Services/FDA Clinical Trials Registry (2000, Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007; Mandated Reporting, 2008)

Executive Order 13224. Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit or Support Terrorism (September 2001, also EO 12947, 1995)

Select Agents & Toxins (under CDC and USDA/APHIS) Public Health Security & Bioterrorism Preparedness & Response Act of 2002; companion to the USA PATRIOT Act (2001); revised October 2012


Data Sharing Policy (NIH, 2003)


Higher Education Act, Section 117 Reporting of Foreign Gifts, Contracts and Relationships (20 USC 1011f, 2004)

Model Organism Sharing Policy (NIH, 2004)


Federal Acquisition Regulations [FAR] Flowdown of Debarment/Suspension to Lower Tier Subcontractors (December 2010; amendment to FAR Subpart 9.4)

Combating Trafficking in Persons (2008)

Code of Business Ethics & Conduct (FAR 2008)


E-Verify (2009)


Certification of Filing and Payment of Federal Taxes (Labor, HHS, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2008, Division G, Title V, Section 523)

National Institutes of Health Policy for Genome-Wide Association Studies (GWAS, 2008)


USAID Partners Vetting System (re: EO 13224 et al re: terrorist financing 2009; Extension to Acquisitions, 2012)

National Institutes of Health Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research (2009)
National Science Foundation **Post-Doctoral Fellows Mentoring** (America COMPETES Act 2006; implemented 2009)

Executive Order 13513, Federal Leadership on Reducing **Text Messaging While Driving** (October 2009)

National Science Foundation **Responsible Conduct of Research** Training (America COMPETES Act 2006; implemented 2010)

National Science Foundation **Public Outcomes Reporting** (America COMPETES Act 2006; implemented 2010)

Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) and Office of Management & Budget **Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)** and **Guidance for Reporting and Use of Information Concerning Recipient Integrity and Performance** (2010, 2012)


National Institutes of Health, **Budgeting for Genomic Arrays** for NIH Grants, Cooperative Agreements and Contracts (2010)

Homeland Security/Citizenship & Immigration Services **I129 Deemed Export Certification for H1B Visitors** (November 2010; implementation postponed to February 2011)

Nuclear Regulatory Commission – Statement concerning the Security and **Continued Use of Cesium-137 Chloride Sources** (July 2011)

America Invents Act 2011 **Patent Regulatory Changes** (2012): Implementation of First Inventor to File System; Inventor Oath or Declaration; 3rd Party Submission of Prior Art; Citation of Prior Art; Statutes of Limitation for Disciplinary Actions; Supplemental Examination; Post-Grant Review

NASA/OSTP **China Funding Restrictions** (2012, Under PL 112-10 § 1340(2) & PL 112-55 § 539)

**US Government Policy for the Oversight of Life Sciences Dual Use Research of Concern** (March 2012)

NIH, Mitigating Risks of Life Science Dual Use Research of Concern (2013)

Food and Drug Administration **Reporting Information Regarding Falsification of Data** (April 2012)

National Science Foundation **Career-Life Balance** Initiatives (2012)

**Gun Control**, Prohibition on Advocacy & Promotion (Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2012 – PL 112-74, Sec 218)

Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), **Increasing Access to the Results of Federally Funded Scientific Research** (February 2013)

Defense/DFAR **Safeguarding of Unclassified Controlled Technical Information** (November 2013)

OMB/COFAR **Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards** (December 2013)

**Implementation/Interpretation that Changes Business Practices, Since 1991**

**Foreign Nationals** (See COGR/AAU/FDP Troublesome Clause Report, 2008)

**Publication Restrictions** (see COGR/AAU/FDP Troublesome Clauses, 2008)

**PL 106-107/Grants.gov**: Electronic Applications, Financial Reporting, Progress Reports, iEdison

Invention Reporting, etc.

**CCR/DUNS Registry requirements** (Subrecipients implemented 2010)

**Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR)** (January 2010)

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1 The Report is available at: [www.cogr.edu/docs/COGRAUTroublesomeClausesReport.pdf](http://www.cogr.edu/docs/COGRAUTroublesomeClausesReport.pdf)
Federal Financial Reporting (FFR) (2011)
Subrecipient Monitoring (OMB Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement)
Changes to A-21 F&A Proposal Format
Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects:
  Federalwide Assurance (2004), mandatory training
  IRB Registration (2008)
  Proposed Changes (2011, see below)
IRS 990 Reporting
National Institutes of Health Trainee Instruction in the Responsible Conduct of Research (1989; 1994; Updated 2009)
Health & Human Services, Office of Grants and Acquisition Policy and Accountability Guidance Regarding Funding of Contracts Exceeding One Year of Performance (APM 2010-01, June 2010)
National Science Foundation, Data Sharing Policy (Updated 2011)
National Institutes of Health Implementation of the 2011 8th Edition of the National Academy of Sciences Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (January 2012)
Export Controls: Export Administration Regulations (EAR) & International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) Reform (2013 Implementation)
National Institutes of Health, Costing of Core Facilities (2013)
National Science Foundation Award Cash Management Service (2012)
National Science Foundation Revised Merit Review Criteria (2013)
National Institutes of Health Payment Management System Sub-Accounts (2013)
OMB/COFAR Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (December 2013)

Significant Proposed Changes

Food and Drug Administration Requirements for an Investigative New Drug (IND) covering food and plants claiming therapeutic benefit
FAR Organizational Conflicts of Interest (NPRM April 2011)
HHS Office for Human Research Protections Human Subjects Research Protections: Enhancing Protections for Research Subjects and Reducing Burden, Delay and Ambiguity for Investigators; proposed changes to 45 CFR 46 Subpart A (ANPRM, September 2011)
FAR Privacy Act Training (Proposed 2011)
OSTP US Governmental Policy for Institutional Oversight of Life Sciences Dual Use Research of Concern (Proposed February 2013)
National Institutes of Health Genome Data Sharing Policy (September, 2013)