

TASK FORCE ON USING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
TO IMPROVE RULEMAKING

May 10, 1994 Meeting

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1. David Lytel opened the meeting with a 5 minute presentation on the NII, followed by a demonstration of the Welcome to the White House program given by Jock Gill. Jock's presentation emphasized two points: the development of forms-based correspondence, and the connectivity of mosaic servers.
2. Peter Weiss led a 10 minute discussion on the legal aspects of using information technology.
3. Mark Schoenberg of OMB then described plans for electronic updating of the Unified Agenda of Regulatory Actions. His comments raised the issue of system compatibility, and whether or not the government should develop duplicate systems or move toward interoperable systems. Gill/Schoenberg agreed to have the Unified Agenda posted to the Internet.
4. Following the presentations, we held a general discussion for approximately one hour. Among the issues raised for further exploration were:
 - implementation of electronic comments would cause overwhelm the system with to many comments and not enough staff to read and respond to them; however, there was a suggestion that increased access to the regulatory process would decrease the chances for and costs of litigation;
 - development of compatibility and connectivity standards across agencies and industries -- there was some discussion about "imposing" a standard, but most felt that one should be allowed to emerge, as in the case of the bar code;
 - development of master system to refer to Federal Register documents to interface with the Archives and agency record-keeping.
5. Meeting participants were requested to identify 3 projects at each agency that might be candidates for the pilot demonstration. We identified three criteria that should govern selection:
 1. Support from agency infrastructure (staff, hardware, software)
 2. Appropriate scale
 3. Non-controversial subject matter
6. Next meeting is scheduled for the end of June.

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TO: Members of the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Electronic Enhancement of the Regulatory Process. Walt Francis asked me to lend a hand in getting out the revised membership list, and passing the word on our next meeting.

The next meeting of the Task Force will be Tuesday, May 10, 1994 at 10 a.m. in Room 450, Old Executive Office Building.

In addition to including the revised list of attendees in this message it is being faxed to all members. Any additional changes/additions/deletions should be sent to Walt Francis.

Thanks.

John

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