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Quality of Information

Section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Public Law 106-554) directed the [Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\)](#) to issue government wide guidelines that "provide policy and procedural guidance to Federal agencies for ensuring an maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information (including statistical information) disseminated by Federal agencies." OMB complied by [issuing guidelines](#) that directed each Federal agency to:

- (a) issue its own guidelines;
- (b) establish administrative mechanisms allowing affected persons to seek and obtain correction of information that does not comply with OMB's 515 guidelines; and
- (c) report periodically to the Director of OMB on the number and nature of complaints received by the agency regarding the accuracy of information disseminated by the agency and how such complaints were handled by the agency.

In compliance with OMB's directives, the [Department of the Interior \(DOI\)](#) issued draft [Information Quality Guidelines](#) in the *Federal Register* on May 24, 2002 (65 FR 26642), that instructed each bureau to prepare its own guidelines. MMS then developed and issued draft guidelines for comment on its website on August 1, 2002. We received comments from one private organization. We considered their comments, and where applicable or appropriate, we incorporated them into our final guidelines.

We have now [finalized our guidelines and posted them to our website](#). We consider these guidelines to be a living document. As a result, they may be revised periodically to reflect policy changes or to implement methods that further ensure and maximize information quality. MMS welcomes comments on these guidelines at any time and will consider those comments in any future revisions.

In accordance with MMS's guidelines, you may submit your comments on MMS's quality of information in one of two ways:

E-mail	qualityinfo@mms.gov
Mailing Address	Minerals Management Service Attention: AD/PMI (Mail Stop 4230) 1849 C Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20240

The files below provide a chronology of the Quality of Information issue--how and when it started the present implementation status.

 [MMS Final Guidelines](#)



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[Information Quality Guidelines Pursuant to Section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001](#) --The U.S. Department of the Interior, is issuing these proposed Information Quality Guidelines in order to comply with the guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget in the *Federal Register*, Vol., 2, No. 67, dated January 2, 2002, and re-issued February 22, 2002, Vol. 67, No. 36, for implementing section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 20012 (Public Law 105-54; H.R. 5658).
