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CRE is unique because it is the only institution whose staff have been involved in establishing the OMB regulatory review program for nearly fifty years as documented in this publication sponsored by the American Bar Association.

CRE holds agencies accountable for compliance with the “good government” statutes which “regulate the regulators”, including OMB review of regulations, the Paperwork Reduction Act and the Data Quality Act.

CRE has an active regulatory intervention program, including filing comments on proposed regulations, meeting with federal regulators, filing DQA petitions and on occasion seeking relief through litigation.

It operates a number of Interactive Public Dockets (IPD) which are shadow dockets of federal rulemaking dockets but do not cease with a close of the public comment period and therefore allows interested parties to offer opinions on a 24/7 basis. Federal agencies routinely read the IPD’s and CRE site monitors report on their visits to the sites.

CRE staff have served in five Presidential Administrations and were instrumental not only in establishing centralized regulatory review at OMB, as noted above, but also the passage of the Paperwork Reduction Act and the Data Quality Act.

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- OPM Presidential Rank Awards
- The Administrative Conference of the United States
- American Men and Women of Science
- National Archives
- OIRA Teaching Modules