



National Park Service

Information on Significant Guidance Documents

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requires agencies to maintain a list of significant guidance documents, as indicated in the [Final Bulletin for Agency Good Guidance Practices \(PDF\)](#).

OMB established good guidance practices to ensure that guidance documents of executive branch departments and agencies are:

- developed with appropriate review and public participation,
- accessible and transparent to the public,
- of high quality, and
- not improperly treated as legally binding requirements.

OMB has defined “significant guidance documents” as those that:

- Lead to an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more or adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local, or tribal governments or communities;
- Create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another agency;
- Materially alter the budgetary impact of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs or the rights and obligations of recipients thereof; or
- Raise novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President’s priorities, or the principles set forth in Executive Order 12866, as further amended.

Based on OMB’s criteria," the National Park Service has determined that it has no documents that meet that definition. However, the National Park Service will follow the proper procedures for creating, issuing, and using significant guidance documents if it is anticipated that a document being developed may meet the criteria.

Additional information on government regulations is available at [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Persons who may be interested in National Park Service policies and guidance documents that do not meet the definition of “significant” may visit the website: <http://www.nps.gov/policy>.