

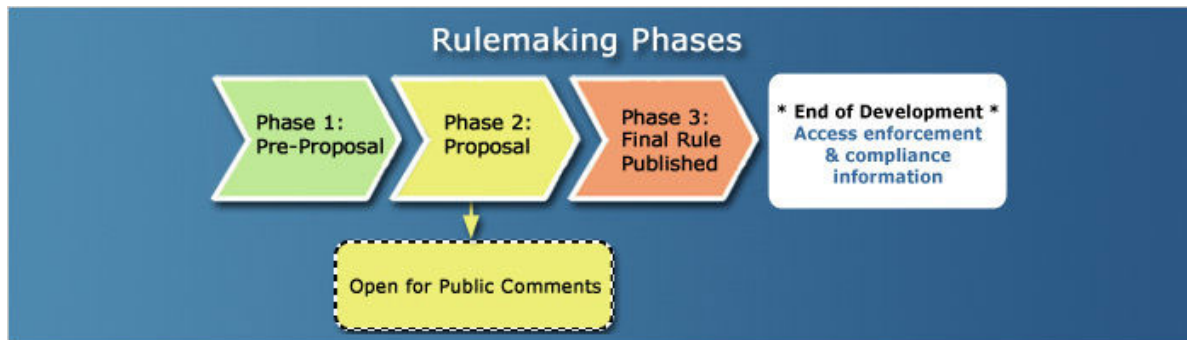
Commenting on EPA Proposed Rules and Other Documents

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, the Environmental Protection Agency is required to allow public comments on all rulemaking. EPA sometimes also provides opportunities for comment on documents other than proposed rules.

Rules by Phase

There are three phases of the rulemaking process. Rules in any phase of the process can be viewed at www.epa.gov/rulemaking/ RSS feeds are also available.

- **Pre-Proposal:** In this phase the rule is an idea being circulated. There may be an “advance notice of proposed rulemaking” (ANOPR or ANPR) published in the *Federal Register* with opportunity for comment indicated in the notice.
- **Proposal:** In the proposal phase an official draft of the rule is released in the *Federal Register* as a “notice of proposed rulemaking” (NOPR or NPRM). During this phase the rule is open for public comment during the period indicated in the NOPR.
- **Final Rule Published:** The final rule is published in the *Federal Register*.



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Rules by Topic

At www.epa.gov/rulemaking/ rules can also be viewed by topic. The **Air** topic contains rules being developed by the EPA under the authority of the Clean Air Act.



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Participation and Commenting

When viewing a rule that is open for comment, the *Participate/Learn More* tab will contain a link to a corresponding page on www.Regulations.gov. This page will provide the full text of the proposed rule, indicate deadlines for comment, as well as an online comment submission form and instructions for submission through email, fax, or mail.

The *Federal Register* may also be searched and accessed from <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html> .

The *Federal Register* notice may pose specific questions on which the Agency seeks comment but commenters are not limited to responding to those specific questions and may address any germane issues in their comments.

Comments on Other Documents

EPA may also offer opportunities for review and comment on guidance documents and other items that are not proposed rules. An example is the recently issued “PSD and Title V Permitting Guidance For Greenhouse Gases” (also referred to as Greenhouse Gas Best Available Control Technology (BACT) Guidance), which was published in the *Federal Register* along with a notice indicating the comment period and instructions for comment submission.