

websites, providing a platform on which to disseminate their data releases and policy-neutral analysis, and, in many cases, also have other ways on the internet, such as social media accounts, to disseminate their data releases and policy-neutral analysis. In short, modern forms of dissemination, being more speedy and comprehensive, may reduce the need for such a long time period between the release of PFEIs, and policy comment on them by employees of the Executive Branch.

**Request for Comments:** The full text of Directive No. 3, as issued in 1985, is available at [https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/whitehouse.gov/files/omb/assets/OMB/inforeg/statpolicy/dir\\_3\\_fr\\_09251985.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/whitehouse.gov/files/omb/assets/OMB/inforeg/statpolicy/dir_3_fr_09251985.pdf). This notice requests comment on the continued relevance of the provision of Directive No. 3 that prohibits public comment by employees of the Executive Branch from speaking about the release until *at least one hour* following the release of PFEIs. In particular, OMB seeks comment on whether advances in information dissemination technology since Directive No. 3's issuance in 1985 could provide for meeting the goals of Directive No. 3 to ensure equitable, policy-neutral, and timely release and dissemination of PFEIs under a shorter time delay, including no time delay at all.

The text relevant to the specified provision for comment appears within the last paragraph of Section 5. For ease of review, the abbreviated text of Section 5 is provided below, and the text describing the current limitation on Executive Branch employees is provided in bolded text.

**5. Release Procedure.** \* \* \* *Except for the authorized distribution described in this section, agencies shall ensure that no information or data estimates are released before the official release time.*

*The agency will provide prerelease information to the President, through the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, as soon as it is available. The agency may grant others prerelease access only under the following conditions:*

*(a) The agency head must establish whatever security arrangements are necessary and impose whatever conditions on the granting of access are necessary to ensure that there is no unauthorized dissemination or use.*

*(b) The agency head shall ensure that any person granted access has been fully informed of and agreed to these conditions.*

*(c) Any prerelease of information under an embargo shall not precede the official release time by more than 30 minutes.*

*(d) In all cases, prerelease access shall precede the official release time only to the extent necessary for an orderly review of the data.*

*All employees of the Executive Branch who receive prerelease distribution of information and data estimates as authorized above are responsible for assuring that there is no release prior to the official release time. Except for members of the staff of the agency issuing the principal economic indicator who have been designated by the agency head to provide technical explanations of the data, employees of the Executive Branch shall not comment publicly on the data until **at least one hour after the official release time.***

Any changes to the text from Section 5 would neither affect nor replace any of the other standards and guidelines articulated in Directive No. 3.

OMB seeks comments from all interested parties, including data users, businesses, and the media, on the continued relevance of the one-hour delay identified in the provision that "employees of the Executive Branch shall not comment publicly on the data until at least one hour after the official release time." In particular, OMB seeks comment about maintaining the one-hour delay, as well as reducing the time duration of the delay to some amount less than one hour, including consideration of the option of eliminating the delay entirely.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Committee for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:

**Name and Committee Code:** Advisory Committee for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (#1171).

**Date and Time:** May 2, 2019; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., May 3, 2019; 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Place:** National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Room E2020, Alexandria, VA 22314.

**Type of Meeting:** Open.

**Contact Person:** Dr. Deborah Olster, Office of the Assistant Director, Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; Telephone: 703-292-8700.

**Summary of Minutes:** Posted on SBE advisory committee website at: <https://www.nsf.gov/sbe/advisory.jsp>.

**Purpose of Meeting:** To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation on major goals and policies pertaining to Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Directorate (SBE) programs and activities.

### Agenda

- SBE Directorate Update
- To Secure Knowledge
- NSF Distinguished Lecture in the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences: Science Comprehension Without Curiosity is No Virtue, and Curiosity Without Comprehension No Vice, Dr. Dan Kahan, Yale University
- SBE research to address Office of Management and Budget/Office of Scientific and Technology Policy Scientific Priorities
- Pursuing effective SBE partnerships
- Contributions of the SBE Sciences to National Security
- Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering (CEOSE) Update
- Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Education (AC-ERE) Update
- SBE Sciences and NSF's Big Ideas
- Wrap-up, Assignments, Planning for Next SBE AC Meeting

Dated: April 8, 2019.

**Crystal Robinson,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2019-116 and CP2019-125; MC2019-117 and CP2019-126; MC2019-118 and CP2019-127]

### New Postal Products

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission's consideration concerning negotiated service agreements. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* April 15, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.