

Developing Guidance or Best Practices for Regulatory Impact Analysis

Abstract: Circular A-4 provides the Office of Management and Budget's guidance to Federal agencies on the development of regulatory analysis as required under Executive Order 12866. This roundtable features economists from different agencies discussing current efforts to develop more detailed, supplemental guidance and best practices to improve the quality, consistency, and policy-relevance of regulatory impact analysis at their agencies.

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Speakers:

- Al McGartland, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Amber Jessup, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Clark Nardinelli, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
- Deborah Aiken, U.S. Department of Transportation

Links to Current Guidance:

- U.S. Office of Management and Budget. 2003. Circular A-4: Regulatory Analysis. https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/omb/assets/regulatory_matters_pdf/a-4.pdf.
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. 2010. Guidelines for Preparing Economic Analysis (with 2014 update). EPA 240-R-10-001. <http://yosemite.epa.gov/ee/epa/eed.nsf/pages/guidelines.html>.
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 2016. Guidelines for Regulatory Impact Analysis. <https://aspe.hhs.gov/pdf-report/guidelines-regulatory-impact-analysis> (Primer: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/pdf-report/guidelines-regulatory-impact-analysis-primer>)
- U.S. Department of Transportation. 2016a. Guidance on Treatment of the Economic Value of a Statistical Life (VSL) in Departmental Analyses – 2016 Adjustment. <http://www.dot.gov/regulations/economic-values-used-in-analysis>
- U.S. Department of Transportation. 2016b. Revised Departmental Guidance on Valuation of Travel Time in Economic Analysis. <http://www.dot.gov/regulations/economic-values-used-in-analysis>