

Comparison Chart – Draft Data Quality Guidelines

The following is a table that compares the draft Data Quality guidelines generated by a wide variety of Agencies and Departments. Below is a guide to the categories and characteristics that OMB Watch compared between the various drafts.

Since there has been a wide variety in the format, detail and release among the various agencies drafting Data Quality guidelines it is possible that this comparison has missed some information. Please note that this represents an ongoing analysis and evaluation of the Data Quality guidelines and will be updated and expanded as additional information is considered.

Agency or Department	The Agency, Department or Administration that has generated draft Data Quality guidelines.
Information Statement	Any explicit statements or commitments on information either on quality, use, dissemination, importance, etc.
Not Legally Binding	Whether Agency's make a clear statement that the guidelines are not legally binding and create no new legal or judicial review.
Dissemination Not Covered	Explores if agencies have detailed or expanded the OMB list of types of dissemination that are not covered by the guidelines
Influential Information Definition	Whether OMB's standard, broad and vague definition of influential information is utilized or if the agency has altered or detailed the definition.
SDWA	Whether agencies plan to adopt or adapt the quality principles for risk assessments established in the Safe Drinking Water Act.
Request Requirements	A summary of the requirements the Agency places on a person disputing the quality of or requesting the correction of information.
Timeliness requirement	Whether the agency has a requirement for a timely request that allows agencies the option to specifically reject or ignore a request on the grounds that the request has taken too long or the information is too old.
Affected Person Requirement	Whether the Agency requires that a requestor establish that they are an "affected person."
Affected Persons Definition	Whether the Agency utilizes OMB's standard, broad and vague definition of influential information is utilized or if the agency has altered or detailed the definition.
Requests	Whether an Agency's handling and decisions for requests are centralized or decentralized.
Request Decisionmaker	Who in Agency is responsible for making the decision on a request.
Appeals	Whether an Agency's handling and decisions for appeals are centralized or decentralized.
Appeal Decisionmaker	Who in Agency is responsible for making the decision on an appeal.
Request Response Time	Specified time frame in which the Agency should respond to a request.
Appeal Response Time	Specified time frame in which the Agency should respond to an appeal.