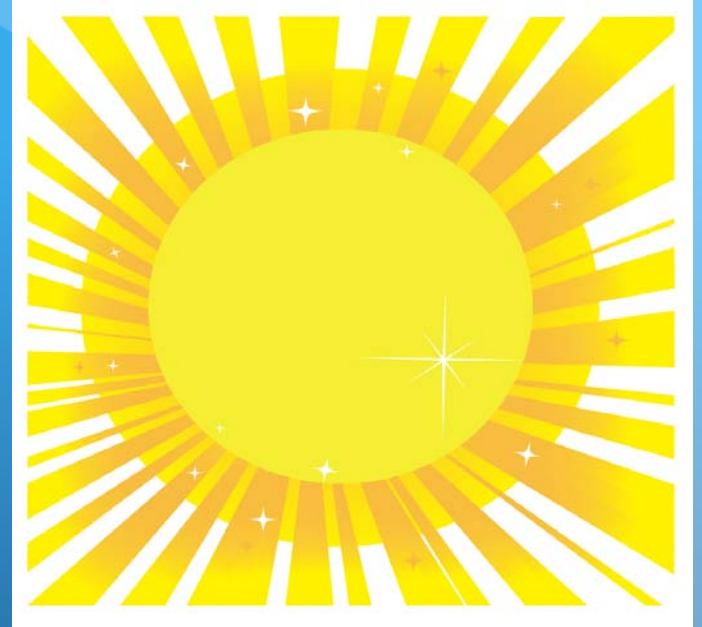


# United States Policy Development Process

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# Administrative Procedures Act

- Strict disciplines
- Public knows what the government is doing
- Public has input into the government policy process

# Inter-Agency Process

- Addresses cross-cutting agency issues
- Avoids duplication

# Benefits of Transparency

- more practical and workable policies
- higher level of trust and confidence in the government

# Origins of Policy

- Congress makes laws that the Executive Branch must implement
- President directs agencies to prepare policy
- Petitions from the public
- Need identified by agencies to meet a stated objective

# Collecting Information to Write Policy

- Information sought from many sources:
  - Congressional intent
  - Private sector especially the affected industry or persons
  - Consumers
  - Other Federal and state agencies

# Collecting Information

- Notice of Proposed Rulemaking published in the Federal Register
- Public meeting open to everyone
- Meetings with interested groups
  - Government in the Sunshine Act
- Meet with Federal and State agencies



# Proposed Regulation

- Subject to inter-agency review in U.S. government
- Published in the Federal Register, which is available to everyone

# Proposed Regulation

- Process established for receiving official public comment that becomes part of the record
- Press release to the general media

# Preparing the Final Regulation

- Agency analyzes public comments
- Must assure policy will be workable and effective.
- Final regulation published in the Federal Register with a summary of comments from the public and the rationale for the Agency's decisions.
- May be accompanied by educational workshops.

# U.S. Codex Office Process

Transparent development of U.S. positions on Codex issues:

- Distribution lists of interested parties
- Intra-governmental meetings
- Public meetings before every Committee meeting

# U.S. Codex Office Process

Transparent development of U.S. positions on Codex issues:

- Policy and Technical Committees resolve differences
- Delegate reports of Committee meetings

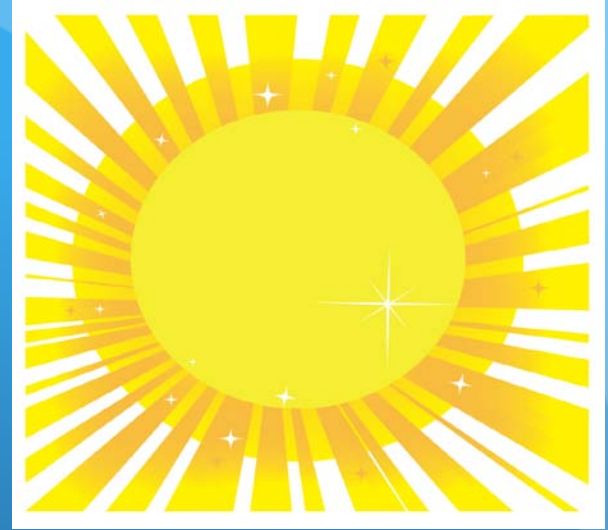
# Benefits of Transparency

- “No secrets” fosters confidence and trust in the government
- General agreement on a workable program
- More likely to achieve objectives

# Benefits of Transparency

- Successful implementation when the policy is widely understood, technologically feasible, and does not create unnecessary burdens.
- Minimizes potential for legal actions

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- ❖ Effective policy
- ❖ Objectives met
- ❖ Successful implementation