

may be supplied to persons, organizations or agencies when, in the opinion of the General Counsel, or of the service concerned, the public interest justifies or requires such action.

7. What limitations are placed upon the availability of records and files to the general public, either by statute, rule, or practice?

See 3 above.

8. In what circumstances are private parties dealing with your agency required in any manner to resort to organization or procedure not published in the Federal Register (see sec. 3(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act)?

None.

9. In what types of cases has your agency refrained from publishing rules where there is involved any function of the United States requiring secrecy in the public interest, pursuant to section 3(1) of the Administrative Procedure Act or other authority?

None.

10. In what circumstances has your agency refrained from publishing rules where there is involved any matter relating solely to internal agency management, pursuant to section 3(2) of the Administrative Procedure Act or other authority?

In general, detailed requirements of internal procedure and administration are published in manuals and other agency issues.

11. What is your agency's definition of official record as used in section 3(c) of the Administrative Procedure Act?

This agency uses for general purposes the definition of official record that is contained in section 1 of the Records Disposal Act (44 U.S.C. 366), which provides:

* * * the word "records" includes all books, papers, maps, photographs, or other documentary materials, regardless of physical form or characteristics, made or received by any agency of the United States Government in pursuance of Federal law or in connection with the transaction of public business and preserved or appropriate for preservation by that agency or its legitimate successor as evidence of the organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations, or other activities of the Government or because of the informational value of data contained therein.