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As a member of the scientific community (MS Geology, OSU, '56); I urge you to rethink the proposed regulations. There is an old saying the "if it ain't broken don't fix it", The current peer review procedures are working very well thank, you.

- o The proposed requirement that review be "dependent of the agency" could eliminate many competent reviewers. And lead to only corporate scientists within the process, This would dramatically skew any peer review results.

- o As pointed out in a recent Wall Street Journal editorial, added regulations only encumber a process that is not overly timely, and could add an additional risk factor.

- o The exemption of foreign affairs and National Defense from peer review is not only worrisome but dangerous. Review of such items by qualified scientists can show flaws without jeopardizing security; it has been a normal way of doing science. James F. Moore Jr.