

Peace Corps' Information Quality Guidelines Notice

Effective October 1, 2002, the Peace Corps issued information quality guidelines that are required by law and are intended to ensure and maximize the quality of information disseminated to the public by the Agency. The guidelines are based on those issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on January 3, 2002 (67 FR 369-378), as corrected and reprinted on February 22, 2002 (67 FR 8451-8460). The OMB guidelines implement Section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for FY 2001 (Public Law 106-554, HR 5658).

The Peace Corps published proposed guidelines in the *Federal Register* on August 21, 2002, and requested public comment on the guidelines. *See* 67 FR 54329. The Agency received no comments from the public. The Agency did receive comments and guidance from OMB that have been integrated into these final guidelines.

These final Peace Corps guidelines set out the Agency's policies and procedures for ensuring the quality (objectivity, utility, and integrity) of information provided to the public. They also establish administrative mechanisms permitting affected persons to seek and obtain, where appropriate, timely correction of information maintained and disseminated by the Agency that does not comply with the OMB or its own guidelines. These guidelines represent Agency policy and procedures and have no legal effect and do not create any legal rights or obligations.