

E-Rulemaking:

New Directions for Information Technology and Regulation

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Each year, government agencies such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Aviation Administration, and Nuclear Regulatory Commission collectively promulgate thousands of new regulations. Electronic rulemaking, or e-rulemaking, offers the potential to enhance the public's involvement in the regulatory process as well as improve the management of rulemaking. The Regulatory Policy Program at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government convened two workshops on e-rulemaking over the past year: one in Washington, D.C., the other in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Sponsored by the National Science Foundation's Digital Government Research Program, these workshops brought together academic experts from computer sciences, law, and public management, along with key public officials involved in managing federal regulation, to forge a forward-looking research agenda needed to improve and expand e-rulemaking efforts. The panel at dg.o2003, the National Conference on Digital Government Research, shared the key themes that emerged from the Harvard workshops with the larger digital government research community and discussed the major challenges for future research on e-rulemaking.