



# coffee-break convos:

## Commenting on proposed changes to the PHS Research-Misconduct Regulation

To read the proposed updates, click [here](#).



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YEARS

### Why is the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) updating the Public Health Service (PHS) Regulation on Research Misconduct now?

If this regulation were a child, it would be grown already! It's been 18 years since we last updated it (in 2005). The world of research (and research integrity) has changed dramatically since then; we all need the PHS Regulation on Research Misconduct to catch up with those changes.



### How did ORI come up with the proposed revisions?

ORI made the proposed revisions in response to comments we received following our 9/1/2022 Request For Information from researchers, professional organizations, and the public: input from people like you, who conduct research and care about research integrity. We also have made suggestions in response to issues the community and/or we have experienced or observed over the years.



### I'm not well known. Who will take my input seriously?

We will! ORI weighs all NPRM comments equally, whether they come from a large organization or an individual. (Plus, you can choose to submit a comment anonymously.) Keeping PHS-funded research accurate, ethical, and reliable is up to everyone—not just the top researchers or the biggest institutions. **Your viewpoint matters!**



### I'm overworked already. I don't have time to comment on all this!

We know you're always working under pressure to meet deadlines. But your input is invaluable! Note that ORI does *not* expect you to spend hours and hours on this (unless you really want to). A few short suggestions that are concrete and actionable can have as much impact as a multi-page analysis, and sometimes more.



### Do I have to give feedback on all the proposed changes?

No, you do not have to comment on the entire NPRM! (Unless you want to.) You can focus on just one or two proposed changes that are especially important to you.

If it's important to you, it matters to us.

Tell us what you think—on or before Thursday, January 4, 2024

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