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*Paperwork Redux: The (Stronger) Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*

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This article examines the 1995 revisions to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA or “the Act”), suggesting that these updates greatly strengthen the Act and increase its importance and ability to shape information and regulatory issues. Although described as amendments to the Act’s former version, the 1995 revisions actually recodified the Act. More specifically, the Act established the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) to oversee functions regarding the federal government's information resources.

This article outlines the review and approval procedures regarding collections of information by federal agencies and reducing the burden of this information collection on the public. The author predicts that the Act will reduce paperwork burdens on the public but will also create delays in regulatory implementation.