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Series F - Locating Federal Materials

Part 5 - Federal Regulations

The Executive Branch of the federal government includes federal administrative agencies. By authority of enabling legislation of the Congress, many administrative agencies promulgate regulations that govern the areas of law over which the agencies have authority. These regulations are compiled in the *Code of Federal Regulations*, which contains all of the existing regulations in force. Titles are the collections of regulations by subject and these titles are divided into sections. Title 3 includes all of the Presidential Executive Orders for a given year.

Source	Location	Coverage
LexisNexis Congressional Universe (UMich only)	http://web.lexis-nexis.com/congcomp/	~ Permits full text search by keyword and agency; ~ Updated every two weeks.
Cornell Law School: Code of Federal Regulations	http://cfr.law.cornell.edu/cfr/	~ Text is browsable by title and searchable by subject or title and part.
GPO Access	http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html	~ Searches by keyword or combination of title, part, and page.
Code of Federal Regulations (Paper)	Doc. Ctr. JK 416 .A5-Ref; older editions of Title 3 in stacks; older editions of other titles in Buhr	~ Index can be used to search by subject or agency; ~ Sections arranged by subject matter permitting browsing.

Practice Questions

1. What is the subject of Executive Order 13186 of January 10, 2001?
2. What is the subject matter of 28 C.F.R. 544.33?

The *Federal Register* is a daily newsletter of actual and proposed changes to the Federal Regulations. The Register also includes Notices of Federal agencies and organizations, as well as Executive Orders and other Presidential Documents. Both final and proposed regulations provide legislative and agency considerations behind the regulation. Proposed regulations provide a deadline for public comments. Final regulations summarize those comments.

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LexisNexis Congressional Universe (UMich only)	http://web.lexis-nexis.com/congcomp/	~ Full text of Register since 1980; ~ Searchable by keyword, agency, date and publication type.
GPO Access	http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html	~ 1995 + ~ Lists new regulations, proposed regulations, notices of grants and hearings; ~ Searchable by keyword, date or section; ~ Divided into sections including final rules, proposed rules, notices, sunshine act meetings.
CIS Microfiche	Doc. Ctr. MICRO-F DoX 11	~ 1984-
Microfilm	Doc. Ctr. FILM DoX 918	~ 1936-1983
Hein Online	http://libproxy.law.umich.edu:2210/HOL/Index?collection=fedreg&set_as_cursor=clear	~ 1936-1980

Practice Questions

3. What is the purpose of 68 Fed. Reg. 11741 (March 12, 2003)?
4. What division of the Department of Justice is the source of the article at 64 Fed. Regs. 69784 (December 14, 1999)? What is the entry about?

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