



DATE: March 23, 2026

SUBJECT: 2025 National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act **Report**

FROM: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

TO: National Institute of Standards and Technology

I. Please provide a summary of your agency's activities undertaken to carry out the provisions of [OMB Circular A-119, "Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment Activities"](#) and [the National Technology Transfer and Advance Act \(NTTAA\)](#).

The summary should contain a link to the agency's standards-specific website(s) where information about your agency's standards and conformity assessment related activities are available.

NARA RESPONSE:

A. NARA did not initiate new rulemaking during FY2025. However, when NARA uses standards during rulemaking, it complies with the following Authorities:

- (1) Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review;"
- (2) Executive Order 13563, "Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review;"
- (3) Executive Order 13610, "Identifying and Reducing Regulatory Burdens;"
- (4) Executive Order 13609, "Promoting International Regulatory Cooperation;"
- (5) Executive Order 13771, "Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs"; and
- (6) OMB Circular A-4, "Regulatory Analysis."

B. NARA's Preservation Programs Division uses voluntary consensus standards in its preservation and procurement activities at all times. Voluntary consensus standards from a wide-range of standards organizations (in addition to ISO) are referenced to ensure that preservation approaches and solutions are technically sound, practical, and affordable for NARA program implementation and in alignment with agency priorities. Preservation Programs formulates national preservation policy that references standards from organizations such as NFPA,



ASHRAE, and ISO. In addition, Preservation Programs works with peer institutions to establish specifications, and these documents are based on voluntary consensus standards.

Preservation Programs is responsible for developing material **specifications** built from voluntary consensus standards in order to purchase equipment, supplies and materials for record storage. Preservation Programs utilizes standards (ISO and other standards organizations) referenced in the Code of Federal Regulations for the establishment of preservation environment parameters, and for handling, digitization and exhibitions to ensure that they will not harm or damage records.

Preservation Programs use many professional **guidelines** that are based on voluntary consensus standards, especially for digitization. NARA references standards in its delivery of products and services for special media to streamline work and expected product delivery.

The statutes for the long-term preservation of federal records is found in part in the Code of Federal Regulations, which references voluntary consensus standards.

C. NARA's standards-related activities are available here:

1. <https://www.archives.gov/preservation/storage/specs-housing-exhibition-2015-current.html>
2. <https://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/storage-standards-toolkit>
3. <https://www.archives.gov/files/federal-register/write/handbook/ibr.pdf>
4. [Architectural and Design Standards for Presidential Libraries:
https://www.archives.gov/files/foia/pdf/nara1571.pdf](https://www.archives.gov/files/foia/pdf/nara1571.pdf)

II. Please record any government-unique standards (GUS) your agency began using in lieu of voluntary consensus standards (VCS) during FY 2025.

Please note, GUS which are still in effect from previous years should continue to be listed, and you do not need to report your agency's use of a GUS where no similar VCS exists.

Start by reviewing Table 1: Current Government Unique Standards FY2025. NARA Currently does not have a Table of GUS.

To add a new GUS to the table, please include:



1. The name of the GUS;
2. The name(s) and version(s) of the VCS(s) that might have been used, but after review, found to be inappropriate;
3. A brief rationale on why the VCS(s) was not chosen. **N/A**

NARA RESPONSE:

NARA promulgated no rules in FY 2025 using Government unique standards (GUS).

III. Each Standards Member Must Complete an Entry for Their Activity Participation in Each of Their Standards Working Groups, and/or Voting Activities, in the Following Google Spreadsheet:

NARA RESPONSE:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JZGYsQ2gKDQbS7PvejeIUQzSTrXTz4n6/edit?gid=1516139644#gid=1516139644>