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Quarterly Meeting

**USPTO Working Group on  
Regulatory Reform**

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- USPTO will issue three Notices of Proposed Rulemaking this fall.
- The first NPRM, concerning TM regs, published on October 18, 2017 in the Federal Register — 82 FR 48469, PDF copy located at:
  - <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-10-18/pdf/2017-22394.pdf>
- Two NPRMS — one concerning Patent regs, the other concerning regs related to OPIA and OED, are currently being reviewed by DOC
- These Notices of Proposed Rulemaking will seek public comment on the removals, and USPTO will review those comments and then make decisions about removal through final rules.

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- These Notices of Proposed Rulemaking are an initial step in an ongoing process of reviewing USPTO's regulations to determine where regulatory reform can be accomplished.
- We will continue to follow these principles of regulatory reform in future rulemaking and in review of USPTO regulations.
- Public input continues to be valuable to us as we undertake this work.

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- The Working Group has a public webpage with more information at <https://www.uspto.gov/about-us/uspto-working-group-regulatory-reform>
- The Working Group has an e-mail address where members of the public may submit their ideas to improve, revise, and streamline USPTO regulations to: [RegulatoryReformGroup@uspto.gov](mailto:RegulatoryReformGroup@uspto.gov)

# Questions and Comments

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