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CHALLENGE: Streamlining and Accelerating Federal Rulemaking

Federal rulemaking is **time intensive** and is one of the **leading barriers** to having an **agile rulemaking process**. Federal rulemaking requires reading and responding to thousands of public comments on proposed regulations, as mandated by the law.

The result? Individuals, businesses, and even the government can **fall behind cutting-edge data and policy solutions**.

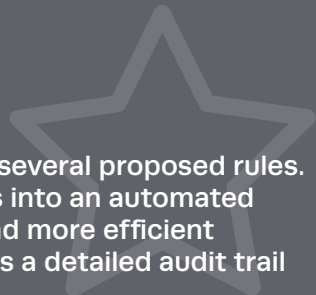## SOLUTION: IMPCT, an Automated Workflow Management Tool from MITRE

MITRE independently created and funded a web-based workflow prototype—IMPCT—to help health policy analysts automate the process of analyzing comprehensive public comments.

IMPCT raises the bar in precision and accuracy in the rulemaking process:

- Automates process workflow of analyzing public comments
- Distills comments into different topic areas
- Aggregates common themes into categories
- Creates an audit trail from individual comment to final rule
- Develops a database of comments with search functionality
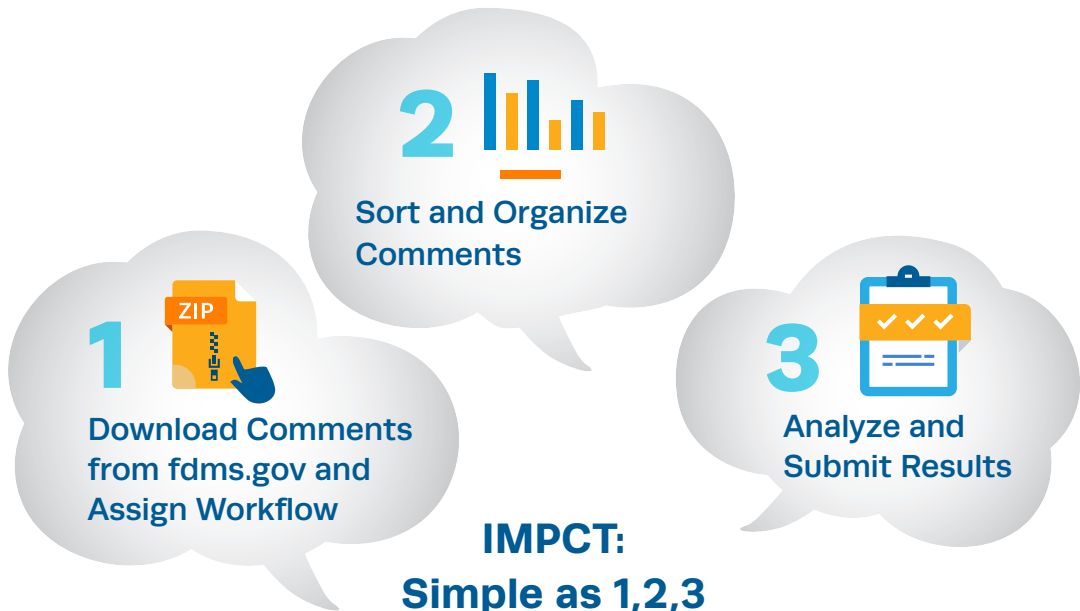- Produces a report that can be directly inserted into federal rules

RESULT: The Federal Rulemaking Process Becomes Agile and Faster

MITRE has used IMPCT to deliver the final analysis of several proposed rules. By making what is a time-consuming, manual process into an automated workflow, IMPCT provides a foundation for a faster and more efficient process to draft rules. In addition, the system provides a detailed audit trail to trace single comments to the final rule.

IMPCT: Creating Unprecedented Efficiencies in the Democratic Process

Ultimately, IMPCT streamlines workflows to expedite federal rulemaking by shortening time needed to analyze comments and increasing efficiency of analysts. With accelerated federal rulemaking, regulations are more responsive to public needs and the general citizenry feels more heard.

2
Sort and Organize Comments

1
Download Comments from fdms.gov and Assign Workflow

3
Analyze and Submit Results

IMPCT: Simple as 1,2,3

Coming soon with IMPCT!

A future Natural Language Processing component of IMPCT will augment and accelerate the comment process workflow even further, and will deliver a precision rate > 90%.

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