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This is an additional, personal comment associated with OFR-2013-0001-0024.

OFR should be moved by two elements of the submissions thus far by Standard Development Organizations (ANSI, ASME, ASTM, NAESB).

1) They accept the proposition that at the proposed rulemaking stage, standards proposed to be incorporated should be made available for free read-only access on their websites. OFR should draw on this welcome recognition of public interest, and amend its rule to accept no less.

2) ASME in its comments, OFR-2013-0001-0026, quotes with approval the ACUS recommendation that "incorporated material may provide detail but a regulation should, by itself, make the basic concept of the rule understandable without the need for the reader to refer to the incorporated material." This language, not the capacity of an incorporation to reduce the number of pages in the Federal Register or CFR, should be a mandatory condition of permitted incorporation.