

# Common Rule Agencies and Departments

It is important for IRBs and institutions to know which federal departments and agencies conduct or support research subject to the Final Rule. This will help ensure compliance with the regulation. The signatories to the Final Rule are below, but do not reflect all of the pre-2018 Common Rule agencies and departments.



- A new signatory to the Final Rule is the Department of Labor, so this agency's sponsored research would need to comply with the Final Rule on and after the compliance dates.*
- The Department of Homeland Security and Social Security Administration formerly applied the rules, but are now codifying the Final Rule into their own agency regulations.*
- The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC 2017) adopted the Final Rule through separate rulemaking.*
- The Department of Justice (DOJ), a previous signatory to the Common Rule, has not yet signed on to the revised 2018 version of the regulation.*
- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is not a signatory, nor are its regulations harmonized yet with the new Final Rule. FDA-regulated research must comply with FDA regulations, which may differ slightly more with the Final Rule than the pre-2018 rule.*