I appreciate the OIRA considerations for broadening public input to the regulatory process.  I have a fairly general comment.

I've often looked to public input in the USDA National Organic Program standards development and review process as an example of democracy at its finest. The National Organic Standards Board public interface and NOP rulemaking have always benefitted from outstanding, impassioned and invested stakeholder community feedback and engagement. I would suggest looking toward the NOP and the wider organic community and assess what they're doing well, as examples of how the public might better engage in other regulatory processes.

Examples from the successful organic regulatory milieu include:

* instructions on how to submit an effective public comment,
* well-written regulations and preamble text,
* investment from community groups/trade associations
* a functional public/private regulatory partnership,
* enabling verbal, written, in-person, and webinar opportunities for input,
* diversity of formats for explaining regulations - infographics, organic learning center, videos...
* periodic program listening sessions,
* staff outreach at conferences, and meetings
* targeted training sessions
* providing updates on forthcoming rulemaking and comment opportunities, and
* locating NOSB meetings around the country.

Thanks for the effort and consideration for better engagement in other regulations.  
  
 - Steve Walker, Viroqua, WI