

**ExSC Interpretation Related to Reporting Public Review Comments
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Question: Do the *ANSI Essential Requirements* require that developers report public review comments from more than *Standards Action* public review periods?

Interpretation:

With respect to public review comments, the Essential Requirements only requires reporting of and responding to public review comments that are submitted during a public review period announced in Standards Action. If a developer's procedures state otherwise, i.e., require more, then any comments must be handled in accordance with those procedures.

In addition, the ANSI ExSC discussed the implications of this interpretation. With respect to the Audit, for example, if an ASD's procedures are silent, but the developer calls a public review period a "formal public review", should the Audit review the handling of comments received? The ExSC confirmed that compliance with ANSI's requirements (see above interpretation) and a developer's procedures is required. So if public comments are received outside of this limited context, then they are not relevant to the Audit. The ExSC acknowledged that today's guidance will change the way the Audit reviews this issue.

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