

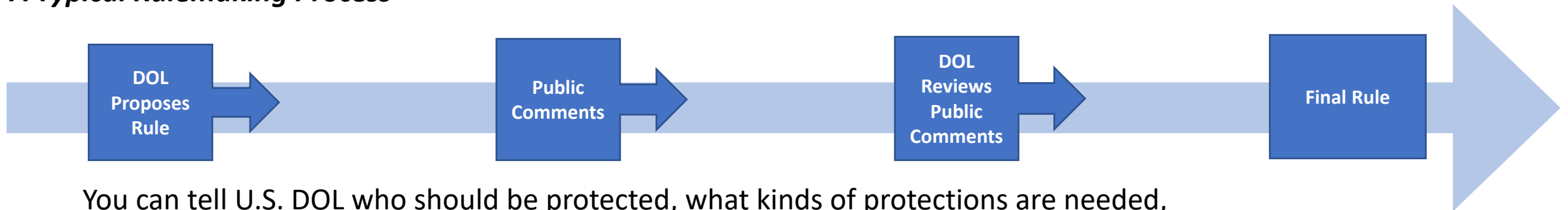


Make Your Voice Heard on DOL Rules

Learn what rules are open for comment and how to comment at: www.dol.gov/regulations

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) and other federal agencies make rules that interpret and implement laws – and **you can shape those rules!**

A Typical Rulemaking Process



You can tell U.S. DOL who should be protected, what kinds of protections are needed, and more, depending on the rule. The exact stages of rulemaking may be different depending on the rule.

What to Write in Comments

What Rule Are You Writing About?

- For instance, for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s Powered Industrial Trucks Design Standard Update, you would write : “Powered Industrial Trucks Design Standard Update.”

TIP: You can find the name of the rule on DOL’s website at www.dol.gov/regulations.

Who Are You?

- “I’m a small business owner with 50 workers.”
- “I help workers in my county find new jobs.”
- “I work in the crystalline polysilicon industry.”
- “As an apprentice in the sheet metal industry, I spent several weeks drilling holes over head into concrete to set hangers for duct work.”

TIP: Remember that these comments are public so do not share any information that you wouldn’t want to be public.

What Do You Want To Say?

- “When I first began my career ... we were told [silica] was a 'nuisance dust' and that we only wore dust masks (not respirators) My company then began monitoring the ... dust levels in our clean rooms and ... determined N95 respirators were needed to protect the workers”
- “[The agency] needs to give employers clear guidance about how to make this rule work – and at least two months to make the changes we’d need.”
- “The proposed rule doesn’t go far enough [because...].”

TIP: Write what you know. It’s helpful to tell clear stories about how the rule could affect you. You can comment on the general impact of the rule or specific parts of the rule. Pay attention to any specific questions that OSHA may have asked as well.