

Decontrolling CUI

- **“Decontrolling** occurs when an authorized holder, consistent with this part and the CUI Registry, removes safeguarding or dissemination controls from CUI that no longer requires such controls.”

[32 CFR 2002.4 (s): <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/09/14/2016-21665/controlled-unclassified-information>]

- **Authorized Holders and Designating Agencies**
- **Staffing Decontrol**

Automatic Decontrol

Positive Decontrol

Automatic Decontrol

Authorized Holders may automatically decontrol CUI, under the relevant agency policies and procedures, following:

- **Public release** by the designating agency
- **Statutory release** by the designating agency
- **End of need to control** consistent with law, regulation, or Government-wide policy
- **Specific date or event** established by a decontrol indicator

Positive Decontrol

Designating Agencies may act to decontrol CUI, following:

- **Requests from Authorized Holders**
- **When the CUI no longer requires safeguarding or dissemination controls unless explicitly prohibited by law, regulation and Government-wide policy.**

Decontrol and Public Release

Decontrol ≠ Public Release

Public Release = Decontrol

Follow agency policy and procedures!

Decontrol and Marking

Remove or strike all markings on decontrolled CUI:

- Reused
- Released
- Donated

Follow agency policy to remove or strike CUI only on the:

- first page,
- cover page, or
- first page of any attachment.

Before transfer to NARA –

Decontrol when feasible

or

Indicate ongoing CUI status.

The Archivist of the United States may decontrol CUI
in records transferred to NARA.

Decontrol and Unauthorized Disclosure

Decontrolling CUI supports accountability –

Do not decontrol CUI to conceal unauthorized disclosures.