“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.”


- Authorized Holders and Designating Agencies
- Staffing Decontrol
Varieties of Decontrol

Automatic Decontrol

Positive 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
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!
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.
Decontrolling CUI supports accountability –

Do **not** decontrol CUI to conceal unauthorized disclosures.