MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, INFORMATION SECURITY OVERSIGHT OFFICE

SUBJECT: Final Report of the Department of the Navy Fundamental Classification Guidance Review


Attached are the final results of the Department of the Navy (DON) fundamental classification guidance review (FCGR), a list of DON security classification guides (SCGs), and the methodology used in conducting the FCGR, as required in reference (a).

The DON directed an early FCGR as a means to improve classification guidance and reduce the number of SCGs. The DON achieved a reduction in the number of SCGs, from 936 to 421 or 55%, as a result of the FCGR. We will continue efforts to improve our classification guidance.

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Attachments:
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• The Department of the Navy (DON) fundamental classification guidance review (FCGR) cumulative results on the total number of security classification guides (SCGs) are as follows:

- Total number of guides: 936
- Number of guides reviewed: 915
- Number of guides cancelled: 41
- Number of guides consolidated: 474
- Number of modifications made to classification duration: 0
- Number of declassification exemptions removed: 10

• Description of the review process: On 12 November 2015, the DON directed the FCGR. The FCGR concluded on 30 September 2016, end of fiscal year 2016. The majority of DON OCAs took the approach of establishing working groups consisting of engineers, users, security specialists, and program management specialists, when conducting the FCGR.

• Of notable interest is the cancellation/consolidation of 515 SCGs; a 55% reduction.

- Guides were cancelled if the program of record was no longer active or the Fleet was no longer using the systems (technologies) in the field. In cases where SCGs were consolidated, they were done so by like components, systems, platforms to help eliminate the amount of resources an end user would have to utilize to properly protect information.

• The Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy (Policy) (DUSN(P)) Security plans to send an updated SCG listing to the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC) to ensure the most current information is on-file, and follow-up with record reconciliation where applicable. All SCGs not sent to DTIC (i.e., SCGs marked Distribution Statement F requiring OCA authorization for dissemination) can be obtained by contacting the command direct where the OCA position resides or the DUSN(P) Security. Access to the requested SCG will be granted only after a need-to-know for the SCG is verified.

Attachment (1)