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Dear Mr. Bradley:

The U. S. Environmental Protection has successfully completed its FY 2017 Fundamental Classification Guidance Review (FCGR), in accordance with Section 1.9 of Executive Order 13526, "Classified National Security Information," and 32 CFR 2001.16. All 8 EPA originally classified documents were reviewed by a working group of agency subject matter experts, as well as classification specialists at the Information Security Oversight Office. Participants evaluated the continued classification status of each document, and balancing the current risk to national security of declassifying the information with the public benefits of release.

The analysis, spanning over 7 months, was both thorough and deliberate, considering a wide range of technical perspectives. All the comments were tracked by document and topic for reference; approximately 107 comments were received from working group members. Consensus recommendations were developed for four of the eight documents and will be presented to the Original Classification Authority/EPA Administrator. The members recommended that four of the documents be declassified and declassification exemptions are not applicable to these documents.

There are two documents still under review with respect to whether the duration of classification should be extended, or the documents declassified. Lastly, there were no changes recommended for the two remaining classified documents.

During the review, the working group also reviewed a draft unclassified classification guide, which was not approved for release, due to concerns that use of this guide would increase the likelihood of over-classification.

If you require any additional information, please have your staff contact Diane Lasher, NSI Program Team Leader, at lasher.diane@epa.gov or at 202-564-0059.

Sincerely,



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cc: David Kling