



FUNDAMENTAL CLASSIFICATION GUIDANCE REVIEW

National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Plan

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The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) provides this Final Report after completion of a Fundamental Classification Guidance Review (FCGR) of all Security Classification Guides (SCG), as defined by Executive Order (E.O.) 13526, "Classified National Security Information," and further defined in the Under Secretary of Defense (USD) memorandum dated 19 May 2011, subject: "Fundamental Classification Guidance Review."

The following information is provided regarding NGA's FCGR:

- NGA SCGs identify information to be protected from the UNCLASSIFIED to the TOP SECRET levels. They include identification and application of a number of caveats and warning labels to include: Limited Distribution (LIMDIS), Talent Keyhole (TK), and Risk Sensitive (RSEN). SCGs also provide decisions for releasing information to international partners, declassification dates and instructions, reasons for classification, and any additional guidance identified by the program manager.
- NGA's SCGs are published for use by members of the National System for Geospatial Intelligence (GEOINT) (NSG) functional community. SCGs provide classification determinations needed to identify and protect information identified as part of the Tasking, Collection, Production, Exploitation, and Dissemination (TCPED) system. SCGs include decisions on protection of airborne and space-based platforms, imagery intelligence,

and geospatial products. NGA provides easy access to GEOINT databases for all stakeholders and creates tailored, customer-specific GEOINT, analytic services, and solutions.

- NGA completed a review of 62 SCGs to include two declassification guides.
- NGA eliminated seven guides. The information contained in these guides was consolidated into larger classification guides, most notably, the GEOINT SCG.
- NGA's SCGs are compliant with security classification policy, and updates have been and will be provided to the Defense Technology Information Center (DTIC) with the applicable DD Form 2024, "DoD Security Classification Guide Data Elements." SCGs are also posted to a number of other web sites within the NSG, making them easily retrievable for Intelligence Community (IC) and civil partners.
- NGA's unique position as the Functional Manager for GEOINT allowed for aggressive collaboration with members of the IC, DoD, and civil partners. Working groups and forums were used to address cross-agency issues which in most cases presented horizontal protection issues that were subsequently mitigated.
- NGA did not declassify any information as a result of the FCGR.
- FCGR best practices and lessons learned include:

Identification of the need for more TOP SECRET Original Classification Authorities (OCA). NGA will become aligned with the rest of the IC when 10 additional OCAs are approved, therefore bringing NGAs total number of OCAs to 11.

- NGA, in its role of Functional Manager for GEOINT, will continue aggressive interagency collaboration with members of the IC, DoD, and civil partners. Forums and working groups within the NSG will continue to be used to support the goal of increased community collaboration.

NGA also serves to address classification issues for commercial platforms as addressed in National Security Policy Directive (NSPD) – 27. NSPD – 27 is currently under revision by the White House and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).