



# Introduction to the National Declassification Center



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# Establishing the NDC



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A Presidential Memorandum accompanying EO 13526 provided guidance on where the NDC should focus first. Specifically, by 31 December 2013, the NDC must process for release or properly exempt, the approximately 408 million pages of previously reviewed archival Federal records accessioned to NARA (aka "The Backlog")



# Tackling the Backlog



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- In order to eliminate the multi-million page backlog by the President's deadline, the NDC must
  - Share equity recognition information between agencies
  - Adopt a risk management approach in processing records for release
  - Conduct quality assurance surveys of previously reviewed records and take corrective action where needed
  - Eliminate the cycle of endless re-review and second guessing



# The NDC Backlog Processing Success



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Backlog pages as of NDC stand up on 1 January 2010: 368M pages

Backlog pages **Assessed** (completed evaluation or assigned to remand) (1 January 2010 – 30 November 2012): **356M pages**

[Backlog pages still requiring assessment: 12M pages]

Backlog pages successfully completing **Quality Assurance** (passed evaluation or QART, completed remand): **222M pages**

- Backlog pages **pending DOE QCR: 65M pages**
- Backlog pages **pending final segregation: 65M pages**
- Backlog pages **completing all processing: 92M pages**



# SUCCESS



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- Successfully fulfilling the President's goals
- Protecting what is sensitive and releasing the rest:
  - Improved communication between records management and declassification
  - Assistance in ensuring that review requirements are met prior to accessioning NEW NA form 14130
  - Less risk of security violations



# Preventing a New Backlog



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- NA Form 14130. Approved in August 2012
  - ✦ Now voluntary
  - ✦ Will be mandatory after accessioning regulations (36 CFR 1235)
  - ✦ Link to form:  
<http://www.archives.gov/declassification//ndc/forms/na-14130.pdf>



# QUESTIONS?



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