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**Classification of Information  
Released to the Public**

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 **DCO Meeting Room Navigation** 

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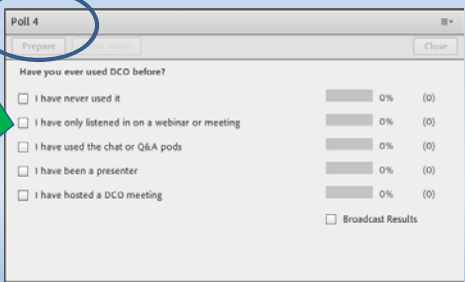
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 **Example of a Poll Question** 



**Poll 4**

Have you ever used DCO before?

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
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 **DCO Meeting Room Navigation** 

**Q&A** box for entering questions/feedback 

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 Chat Question CDSE

**You have received a call from a local newspaper asking you to comment on a story regarding potential leak of suspected classified information at your company/agency/installation. How do you handle this situation?**

**Enter your response in the chat box** 

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 Overview CDSE

-  Classified Information Released without Proper Authority
-  Reclassification of Information Released under Proper Authority
-  Information Declassified and Released without Proper Authority

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 Poll Question #1 CDSE

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 **Classification of Information Released to the Public** 

**National Policy**



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 **Executive Order 13526** 

- Classified National Security Information
- Establishes a uniform system for classifying, safeguarding, and declassifying national security information
- Promotes the President's agenda of greater openness and transparency while enhancing national security



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 **ISOO** 



**The Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO)**  
Responsible to the President for policy and oversight of the Government-wide security classification system.

Implements the President's policy through Information Security Oversight Office, 32 CFR Parts 2001 and 2003 Classified National Security Information; Final Rule

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 **USD(I) and DoDM 5200.01 Volumes 1-4** 

 Within the DoD, the **Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence (USD(I))** issues policies, directives and memorandums related to intelligence and national security.

 **DoDM 5200.01-Volume 1-4, DoD Information Security Program** implements policy, assigns responsibilities, and provides procedures in accordance with E.O. 13526

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 **Classification of Information Released to the Public** 

**National Declassification Center (NDC)**

*NDC - Releasing All We Can, Protecting What We Must*



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 **Poll Question #2** 

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 **National Declassification Center** 

**What is the NDC?**

- Established within the National Archives, 5 January 2010 by Executive Order 13526, Section 3.7
- Streamline declassifications processes, facilitate quality-assurance, implement standardized training for declassification of Permanently Historical Valuable (PHV) records
- Director, appointed/removed by Archivist of the US
- Manages timely and appropriate processing of referrals
- Develops solutions to declassifications challenges posed by electronic records, special media, and emerging technology

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 **Classification of Information Released to the Public** 

**Information Released without Proper Authority**




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 **Information Released without Proper Authority** 



**May remain classified or may be declassified**

- Determination made by the OCA with jurisdiction

**When the determination is made,**

- OCA will notify all known authorized holders
- OCA provides marking guidance if and when necessary
- Holder takes administrative action-markings and controls

**DoD personnel shall not publicly acknowledge the release of classified information.**

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 **Information Appearing in the Public Media** CDSE

Make no comment or statements that may confirm, verify, or substantiate the accuracy of the information

- Notify component or agency using appropriate channels
- Share with personnel who have clearance and NTK

If unauthorized disclosure becomes widely known, Senior Agency Official should consider the workforce guidance.



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 **Information Appearing in the Public Media, cont.** CDSE

USD(I) shall:

- Consult with Assistant SecDef (PA) and owning officials
- Determine if released under proper authority
- Determine investigative responsibility
- Decide whether to initiate an additional investigation
- Immediately notify the OCA for action



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 **Case Study** CDSE

Bob is the Security Manager at X10 Jet, a Cleared Contractor with a Classified Government contract to build classified components for the X10 Jet.

It's Tuesday morning and Bob is notified of an article in the local newspaper that appears to reveal classified information about the X10 Jet program. As Bob is digesting this revelation, he gets a phone call from the Jupiter Sun, the newspaper who is reporting on the story.

What should Bob do?



Enter your response in the Chat Box 

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 **Classification of Information Released to the Public** 

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**Reclassification of Information Declassified and Released Under Proper Authority**



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 **Reclassification Basics** 

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Information that has been declassified and released to the public under proper authority may be reclassified only when *reasonably recoverable*.

Information is reasonably recoverable if:

1. Recipients and holders are known.
2. It is released to archives and reading rooms.
3. It is approved by the SECDEF based on Component head recommendation.

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 **Reclassification Basics** 

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Reclassification must be reported within **30 days** to:

- All recipients and holders
- The President's National Security Advisor
- Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO)



OCA issues new classification guidance and distributes.

**National Archives and Records Administration (NARA):**

- Suspends public access until approval of reclassification action by ISOO Director
- Disapproval of appeals through National Security Advisor to the President

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 **Case Study** 


Back at X10 Jet, during the Preliminary Inquiry, Bob has verified that the information WAS classified, but has been declassified by the OCA through updated declassification guidance. However, the DoD Component has stated they believe the information (which has been released to the public) is still classified, therefore should be reclassified.

They ask Bob to provide information on who released the information, in what form and whether or not it is **reasonably recoverable**.

What must Bob prove to support this request?



Enter your response in the Chat Box



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 **Classification of Information Released to the Public** 

**Information Declassified and Released without Proper Authority**



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 **Poll Question #3** 

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 **Information Declassified and Released without Proper Authority** 

- All classified information declassified and released without proper authority will remain classified until declassified by an OCA with jurisdiction over the information
- The document or materials shall continue to be protected at the originally assigned classification until the issue is resolved

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 **Types of Information Released to the Public** 

Released information includes, but is not limited to:

- Classified conversation overheard by uncleared personnel
- Classified data spill
- Media leak



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 **Case Study** 

Back at X10 Jet, Bob has determined through his thorough Preliminary Inquiry that the information was declassified without proper authority. Bob is unsure of what to do next.

What should Bob do with the classified information while he waits for a decision from the OCA? Should he mail it back to the GCA, or should he continue to secure it at its classified level until the OCA makes a decision?



Enter your response in the Chat Box



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 Poll Question #4 CDSE

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 Poll Question #5 CDSE

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 Poll Question #6 CDSE

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 **Poll Question #7** **CDSE**

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 **Conclusion** **CDSE**

-  **Classified Information Released without Proper Authority**
-  **Reclassification of Information Released under Proper Authority**
-  **Information Declassified and Released without Proper Authority**

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 **Survey** **CDSE**

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<p>Handouts and frequently asked questions from this webinar will be posted at <a href="http://www.cdse.edu/catalog/webinars/information-security/classification-of-information-released-to-the-public.html">http://www.cdse.edu/catalog/webinars/information-security/classification-of-information-released-to-the-public.html</a></p> <p>You may also email Information Security training related questions to DSS at <a href="mailto:InformationSecurity.Training@dss.mil">InformationSecurity.Training@dss.mil</a></p> <p>Thank you for attending the CDSE Classification of Information Released to the Public Webinar.</p>		

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