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A	
Access	The ability and opportunity to gain knowledge of
	classified information.
Atomic Energy Information	Information regarding nuclear weapons and special
	nuclear materials. Only the Department of Energy (DoE)
	may originally classify or declassify atomic energy
	information.

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Banner Markings	Provide information about the overall document.
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CDSE	See Center for Development of Security Excellence
Center for Development of Security Excellence	Provides security education and training to Department of Defense and other U.S. Government personnel, DoD contractors, and sponsored representatives of foreign governments.
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
Classification	The determination that information requires protection in the interest of national security.
Classification Authority Block	Tells who classified the information, for what reason, and how long it must remain classified.
Classified Information	Information that has been determined, pursuant to Executive Order 12958 or any predecessor order, or pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, to require protection against unauthorized disclosure and is marked to indicate its classified status when in documentary form.
CNWDI	Critical Nuclear Weapon Design Information involves the theory of operation or the component design of thermonuclear or fission bombs, warheads, demolition munitions or test devices.
Confidential	Information or material of which unauthorized disclosure could reasonably be expected to cause damage to national security that the Original Classification Authority is able to identify or describe.
Control Markings	Identify the presence of special categories of classified information.
CUI	Controlled Unclassified Information is information the Government creates and possesses, or that an entity creates or possesses for, or on behalf of the Government, that a law, regulation, or Government-wide policy requires or permits and agency to handle using safeguarding or dissemination controls.



D	
Declassification	An authorized change in status of information from classified to unclassified.
Department of Defense	The largest Cognizant Security Agency (CSA) with the most classified contracts with industry.
Derivative Classification	Incorporating, paraphrasing, restating, or generating in new form information that is already classified, and marking the newly developed material consistent with the classification markings that apply to the source information.
Derivative Classifiers	All cleared DoD and authorized contractor personnel who generate or create new material from sources which are already classified.
Dissemination Controls	Identify the expansion or limitation on the distribution of information.
DoD	See Department of Defense
DoDM	Department of Defense Manual

Е	
E.O.	See Executive Order
E.O. 13526	Establishes the legal authority for certain officials within the Executive Branch of the Federal government to designate classified national security information.
Executive Order	An order issued by the President to create a policy and regulate its administration within the Executive Branch.
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FGI	Foreign Government Information Information a foreign government has provided to the
	U.S. with the expectation that the U.S. holders of the information will hold both the information itself, as well as its source, in confidence.
Formerly Restricted Data	Data removed from the RD category upon joint determination by the DOE and DoD that such data relates primarily to the military utilization of atomic weapons and can be adequately safeguarded as classified information. However, such information is treated the same as RD for purposes of foreign dissemination.
FRD	See Formerly Restricted Data

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Information	Knowledge that can be communicated, and documentary material, regardless of its physical form or characteristics, that is owned by, produced by or for, or is under the control of the U.S. Government.
Information Security Oversight Office	Develops and issues implementing guidance and is responsible for implementing and monitoring the National Industrial Security Program.
ISOO	See Information Security Oversight Office
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National Security	Information relating to the national defense or foreign relations of the United States.
NATO Information	North Atlantic Treaty Organization Information is information related to NATO. NATO is a political and military alliance among several member nations and NATO information contains specific information relating to the treaty agreement.

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OCA	See Original Classification Authority
Office of the Secretary of Defense	Responsible for policy development, planning, resource management and program evaluation. Includes the offices of top civilian defense decision makers with regard to personnel, weapons acquisition, research, intelligence and fiscal policy, as well as offices the Secretary establishes to assist in carrying out assigned responsibilities.
Original Classification	An initial determination that information requires, in the interests of national security, protection against unauthorized disclosure.
Original Classification Authority	An individual authorized in writing, either by the President, the Vice President, or by agency heads or other



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	officials designated by the President, to originally classify information.
OSD	See Office of the Secretary of Defense
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Portion Markings	Identify the classification levels of individual sections of a
	document.

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RD	See Restricted Data
RELIDO	Release determined by a designated intelligence disclosure official
Restricted Data	All data (information) concerning the design, manufacture, or utilization of atomic weapons; the production of SNM; or the use of SNM in the production of energy. The term does not include data declassified or removed from the RD category pursuant to section 142 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

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SAP	Special Access Programs are created for a specific class of classified information that require enhanced safeguarding and access protection beyond what is normally required for information at the same classification level.
SCI	Sensitive Compartmented Information is derived from intelligence sources, methods or analytical processes.
Secret	Information or material of which unauthorized disclosure could reasonably be expected to cause serious damage to national security that the Original Classification Authority is able to identify or describe.
Security Training, Education, and Professionalization Portal	The learning management system used by the Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE). STEPP maintains a list of courses as well as student information and course transcripts.
STEPP	See Security Training, Education, and Professionalization Portal



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Top Secret	Information or material of which unauthorized disclosure could reasonably be expected to cause exceptionally grave damage to national security that the Original Classification Authority is able to identify or describe.
Transmittal Document	A document that serves to accompany an enclosure or attached document.
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Unauthorized Disclosure	A communication or physical transfer of classified information to an unauthorized recipient.
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Working Papers	Documents and materials accumulated or created in the preparation of final documents and materials.
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