

Security Spotlight



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Public Release of Information in Classifiable Subject Areas

Please remember the Department of Energy (DOE) M 475.1-1A, Chapter VI, Part A, 2., a., (1) (b) and (c) and Federal Law at 10 CFR 1045.44 have special requirements for documents intended for public release or widespread dissemination:

- b) Public Release or Widespread Distribution. A document or material that is prepared in a potentially classified subject area may be intended for public release or have such widespread internal distribution that public release is likely. In such cases, the originator shall submit the document or material to the local Classification Office for classification review prior to dissemination. A review by your Division Derivative Classifier is not sufficient.
- c) Oral Presentations. An employee who is making an oral presentation in a subject area that may be classified shall submit the prepared text to the local Classification Officer for classification review prior to making the presentation. This includes any presentation made to the public as well as any presentation made to a sufficiently large, internal audience in an unclassified setting, making public release of the information likely. If the employee does not have a prepared text or if extemporaneous remarks are likely, the local Classification Officer shall brief the employee on classification guidance pertinent to the subject matter, including related topics the employee should avoid because they may be classified.

Requirements for internal documents are contained at M 475.1-1A, Chapter VI, Part A, 2., a., (1) (a).

For future reference, this Classification Insight is located on the Office for Security and Emergency Management home page at: <http://ssd1/oro/doe/gov>. The point of contact is Gabe Marciante, Oak Ridge Office Classification Officer, at (865) 576-0754.

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