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Ref: (a) SECNAV M-5510.36

Encl: (1) OUSD(I) memo of 7 Apr 09

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded for your information.
2. Department of the Navy (DON) commands are reminded to continue to follow the policy in reference (a), for designating, marking, dissemination, safeguarding, etc. of Controlled Unclassified Information (i.e., For Official Use Only, For Official Use Only - Law Enforcement Sensitive, Department of Defense (DoD) Unclassified Controlled Nuclear Information, etc.), until the DoD Transition Plan is developed and implementing policy is issued.
3. Addressees are requested to disseminate this information to subordinate activities.
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MEMORANDUM FOR: SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Clarification of Current DoD Policy on Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI)

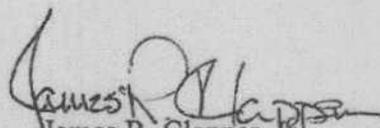
- References:
- (a) DoD 5200.1-R, "Information Security Program," January 14, 1997
  - (b) USD(I) Directive Type Memorandum, "Interim Information Security Guidance", April 16, 2004
  - (c) White House Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies, "Designation and Sharing of Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI)", May 9, 2008
  - (d) USD(I) and ASD(NII)/DoD CIO Memorandum, "White House Approval of Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) Policy Framework", July 21, 2008

On May 9, 2008, the President approved the adoption of CUI as the single categorical designation to be used throughout the executive branch for most information in the Information Sharing Environment. The White House Memorandum also established a corresponding CUI Framework for designating, marking, safeguarding, and disseminating information designated as CUI. To increase efficiency and avoid duplication of effort, DoD subsequently expanded the CUI framework to include *all* DoD CUI, not just information that falls under the auspices of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004.

As a reminder, DoD components are not to use any of the new CUI markings until the national level interagency policy has been issued, the DoD-level implementation guidance has been published, and the DoD CUI Transition Plan is completed. Until such time, existing policy guidance pertaining to information such as For Official Use Only (FOUO), SBU, and DoD Unclassified Controlled Nuclear Information, as outlined in Appendix 3 of reference a and in Attachment 2 of reference b, must be strictly adhered to. Designation, marking, safeguarding and dissemination of such information remains unchanged.

Continued adherence to existing DoD information security policy is critical to ensuring the Department's smooth transition to the new CUI framework while the national level policy development continues. The DoD CUI effort is being jointly worked and continually coordinated with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration/Department of Defense Chief Information Officer (OASD(NII)/DoD CIO). OASD(NII)/DoD CIO is responsible for the

Department's information sharing oversight and CUI information technology policy and implementation. My point of contact is Sheila Talley at [sheila.talley@osd.mil](mailto:sheila.talley@osd.mil) or (703) 607-0323.

  
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