

NRC Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) Update

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Key Messages

- Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) will replace the NRC's current Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information (SUNSI) program in the fall of 2021.
- During the transition to the CUI program, all elements of the NRC's existing SUNSI program will remain in place.
- The NRC is committed to minimizing the impact of this transition for NRC internal and external stakeholders, where feasible.

Status

- NRC Policy: A high-level NRC CUI Policy Statement is expected to be published in June 2020.
- Guidance: MD 12.6, “NRC Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) Program,” is expected to be published in July 2020.
- NRC CUI Rulemaking: To support the NRC’s transition to CUI, the NRC plans to replace explicit references to “SUNSI” with more generalized terms.
- CUI Training: The NRC will develop and provide CUI Basic Awareness Training for all NRC staff, contractors, and detailees to take prior to implementing CUI at the NRC.

Licensee Handling of CUI

- CUI includes only information the government creates or possesses, or that an entity creates or possess on behalf of the government (e.g. a contractor).
- Licensees will only have to apply CUI controls to information received from the federal government pursuant to a written agreement or arrangement.
- Licensees will continue to comply with the markings specified in NRC regulations. Examples include:
 - 10 CFR 2.390, “Public inspections, exemptions, requests for withholding”
 - 10 CFR Part 73, “Physical Protection of Plants and Materials”

NRC CUI Public Meeting

The NRC staff held a public meeting on July 25, 2019 to:

- Discuss the NRC's plans to transition to CUI.
- Solicit input on written agreements and technical solutions (e.g., secure online portal) for the NRC to share CUI efficiently.
- NRC CUI Public Meeting Summary
 - ADAMS Accession No. ML19211B785 (dated September 5, 2019)

Future Meeting Topics

- Written Agreements
- NIST Special Publication 800-171, “Protecting Controlled Unclassified Information in Nonfederal Information Systems and Organization.”
- Licensee Handling of CUI
- Other topics, as recommended

Next Steps

- Continue to coordinate with other federal agencies and non-executive branch entities
- Develop a consistent approach to establish written agreements
- Further define the process that the NRC will use to share CUI with non-executive branch entities
- Propose timeframes for future NRC CUI public meetings

How Can You Obtain Additional Information?

- Participate in future NRC CUI public meetings
- Visit the NRC CUI public website
 - (<https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/cui.html>)
- Send an email to “CUI@nrc.gov”

Questions and Comments