

SECURITY CLEARANCE NEWS- NOVEMBER 2020

This month's focus is Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI).

Where did CUI come from?

- Executive Order 13556 established CUI on November 4, 2010.
- DoD Instruction 5200.48, "Controlled Unclassified Information," established DoD CUI policy on March 6, 2020.

What is CUI?

- Government created or owned UNCLASSIFIED information that must be safeguarded from unauthorized disclosure and
- Information requiring specific security measures indexed within one system across the Federal Government.

Why is CUI important?

- The establishment of CUI formally acknowledges that certain types of UNCLASSIFIED information are extremely sensitive, valuable to the United States, sought after by strategic competitors and adversaries, and often have legal safeguarding requirements.
- Unlike with classified national security information, employees at all levels of responsibility and across all mission areas receive, handle, create, and disseminate CUI.
- CUI will provide a uniform marking system across the Federal Government that replaces a variety of agency-specific markings, such as FOUO, LES, SBU, etc.

DID YOU KNOW? If you create an electronic *photo* that contains Controlled Unclassified Information. (CUI), you should watermark the *photo* with the appropriate CUI markings.*.

It is vital to national security to have a uniform program to govern the classification of information and to provide guidance on how to classify, store, transport or destroy it.

Based on annual reports to the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO), agencies across the executive branch have made significant progress in implementing the CUI Program. Most agencies project full program implementation by the end of the third quarter FY 2021.

!! IMPORTANT !!

Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) Mandatory Training Now Available!

Please use the following link to access the training:

<https://securityhub.usalearning.gov/index.html>



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