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(U) NRO MGS Declassification Guide

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(U) FOREWORD

(U) The declassification of National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) Mission Ground Stations (MGS) has resulted in many changes to how the NRO's association with its MGSs are classified. This guide provides authoritative classification and compartmentation guidance for NRO information based on criteria established in Executive Order 12958, as amended, Intelligence Community Policy Memorandums (ICPM) and classification guidance of other Intelligence Community members.

(U) The overall objective of this guide is to ensure that proper classification and compartmentation determinations are made for NRO information in order to protect the NRO's people, operations, assets and sensitive intelligence sources and methods. Also, as NRO systems are integrated into tactical operations, we must strive to classify and compartment our data at a level that is most usable to the customer.

~~(S//TK//REL)~~ This guide is designed to be a focused guide dedicated to specific near-term information protection issues that have resulted from the decision by the DDNI to declassify the location of the NRO [redacted] MGSs and acknowledge a NRO presence at RAFMH in the UK and JDFPG in Australia effective 15 October 2008. Due to the scope of possible changes, there may be discrepancies between other NRO program classification guides and the guidance provided herein. As of 15 October 2008, THIS GUIDE TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER ALL OTHER GUIDES. Other guides will be modified in an expeditious manner, but until further notice, information related to the MGS declassification will be classified as specified in the classification table of this guide.

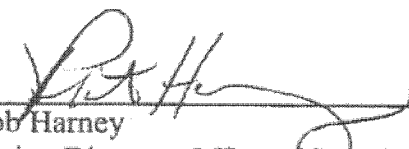
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(U) The NRO Director of Security for System Operations (SO) is responsible for maintaining the currency of this guide. Discrepancies or conflicts regarding classification issues must be brought to the attention of your Program Security Officer (PSO) and, if appropriate, referred to the Security Policy Staff in order that the classification guidance may be properly amended. Once the cognizant program security office determines that there is cause for changing this Classification Guide, those recommended changes would be appropriately coordinated and incorporated. Questions or comments should be directed to the SO Security Staff by phone [redacted] (Secure) or by secure fax [redacted] (DSN 838).

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(U) Effective 15 Oct 2008 this guide is approved for use by all NRO government and contractor personnel, as well as members of the Intelligence Community who are authorized access to NRO program information.



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(U) Mission Ground Station Naming Convention

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TERMS						
<p>1. (S//TK//REL) [redacted]</p> <p>Note: (U) [redacted]</p> <p>S//TK//REL</p>	S	TK	USA, FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1	NRO
<p>2. (S//TK//REL) [redacted]</p> <p>Note: (S//TK//REL) These terms are retired, effective 15 Oct 2008 [redacted]</p> <p>These terms remain unclassified, their routine use (post 15 Oct 2008) in official correspondence is prohibited. Government legacy documentation should be modified to replace legacy terms with the approved MGS identifiers only when documentation is revised. Modification of legacy/archived contractor provided</p>	U					

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<p>documentation should be approved by the CO before any charges are incurred. Archived documents should not be revised to reflect new names. If archived documents need to be put back into circulation, new versions should be created and the new [redacted] MGS names should be used.</p>						
<p>3. (S//TK//REL)</p> <p>Note: (S//TK//REL) This term is retired, effective 15 Oct 2008.</p> <p>This term remains classified, its routine use (post 15 Oct 2008) in official correspondence is prohibited. Government legacy documentation should be modified to replace this legacy term with the approved MGS identifier when documentation is revised. Modification of legacy/archived contractor provided documentation should be approved by the CO before any charges are incurred. Archived documents should not be revised to reflect new names. If archived documents need to be put back into circulation, new versions should be created and the new [redacted] MGS names should be used.</p>	S	TK	USA,FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1	NRO

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<p>4. (S//TK//REL) [redacted] New name is ADF Colorado (ADF C). Note: (S//TK//REL) [redacted] is not to be revealed at the unclassified level. Therefore, the fact that [redacted] is classified S//TK//REL.</p>	S	TK	USA, FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1	NRO
<p>5. (U) Menwith Hill Station (MHS). Note: (U) This is a term uniquely used by NSA for their location on RAFMH. The base's name is Royal Air Force Menwith Hill (RAFMH).</p>	U					
<p>6. (S//TK//REL) [redacted] Note: (S//TK//REL) [redacted]</p>	S	TK	USA, FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1	NRO
<p>7. (S//TK//REL) [redacted] Note: (S//TK//REL) [redacted]</p>	S	TK	USA, FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1	NRO
FACTS ABOUT						
<p>8. (U) Fact that NRO has multi-mission MGSs</p>	U					
<p>9. (U) Fact that the NRO has three MGSs – ADF E, ADF C and ADF SW.</p>	U					

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10. (S//RELY) [Redacted]	S		USA, FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1	NRO
11. (U) Fact of United Kingdom (UK), Australian (AUS), Canadian (CAN) or New Zealand (NZL) personnel residing in NRO Headquarters.	U					
12. (U) Fact of United Kingdom (UK), Australian (AUS), Canadian (CAN) or New Zealand (NZL) personnel residing in NRO MGS.	U					
13. (U) Total number of NRO government personnel assigned to any or all NRO MGSs. Note: (S//TK//REL) [Redacted] (U) The NRO is authorized by statute to withhold numbers of NRO personnel at each location. Only the total number of government personnel in the NRO has been revealed in the past.	S	TK	USA, FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1	NRO
14. (S//TK//REL) The association of an individual's name with the fact that they are assigned at and work for the NRO [Redacted]	S	TK	USA, FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1	NRO
15. (U) Mission statement for ADF (E,C,SW) is: The ADF (E,C,SW) is a multi-mission ground station responsible for supporting worldwide defense operations and multi-agency collection, analysis, reporting, and dissemination of intelligence information. it provides data to defense, intelligence, and civil agencies supporting the U.S. Government and its allies.	U					
16. (U) Location of ADF East on Ft Belvoir, VA. Note: (S//TK//REL) [Redacted]	U					
17. (U) ADF East as a NRO MGS	U					

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18. (U) ADF East as a System Operations MGS that may include IMINT, SIGINT, COMM missions	U					
19. (S//TK//REL) (now ADF EAST) @ Ft Belvoir, VA Note: (S//TK//REL) Associating ADF E with the term post 15 Oct 2008 is classified S//TK//REL TO USA, FVEY.	S	TK	USA, FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1	NRO
20. (U) Location of ADF Colorado on Buckley AFB (BAFB).	U					
21. (U) ADF Colorado as an NRO MGS	U					
22. (U) ADF Colorado as a System Operations MGS that may include IMINT, SIGINT, COMM missions	U					
23. (S//TK//REL)	S	TK	USA, FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1	NRO
24. (U) Location of ADF Southwest on White Sands Missile Test Range. Note: (S//TK//REL)	U					
25. (U) ADF Southwest as an NRO MGS	U					
26. (U) ADF Southwest as a System Operations MGS that may include IMINT, SIGINT, COMM missions	U					
27. (S//TK//REL)	S	TK	USA, FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1	NRO
28. (U) Fact that NGA and NSA are present at ADFs,	U		FOUO			
29. (U) Fact that CIA is present at ADF E	U					
30. (S//REL)	S		USA, FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1	CIA
31. (U) "Fact Of" a PRESENCE of the NRO at	U					

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RAFMH and JDFPG						
OPERATIONS INFO						
<p>32. (U) Mission Statement for NRO presence at RAFMH and JDFPG: “(U) The NRO supports the joint missions at JDFPG and RAFMH through the provision of technical systems and shared research and development. The NRO’s participation is achieved with the consent of the Host governments and contributes to the national security of the countries involved.”</p>	U					
<p>33. (U) Specific –INT association with an ADF Note: Mission statement: The ADF (E,C,SW) is a multi-mission ground station responsible for supporting worldwide defense operations and multi-agency collection, analysis, reporting, and dissemination of intelligence information. it provides data to defense, intelligence, and civil agencies supporting the U.S. Government and its allies.</p>	U					
<p>34. (U) Acknowledgement of support (post 15 Oct 2008) to a specific operation/mission (e.g. GWOT, counter-narcotics, named military operations, e.g. Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom) at an ADF. Note: Classification of “fact-of” an ADF’s support (post 15 Oct 2008) must be consistent with the classification of the “fact of” the mission being supported. If the support reveals a satellite’s system performance, that support will be protected as S//TK//REL USA, FVEY.</p>	U See Note					

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35. (U) Details of how the satellite system(s) controlled by the MGS contributed to the support of the operation/mission.	S	TK	USA, FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1	NRO
36. (U) Successful support at an ADF described in terms of an INT's (post 15 Oct 2008) general contribution to specific aspects of the operation not revealing other classified information. Note: General contribution can be explained in terms of using an ...int to provide information. For example, "ADF C assisted in the successful recovery of a downed airman by provide real time SIGINT collection support to the extraction team."	U					
37. (U) Type of ...INT that may be supported at an ADF (post 15 Oct 2008).	U					
38. (U) "Fact of" failure/limitation of any system to support an operation. Note:(U) Details that describe the inability of collection support related to an inherent performance limitation of overhead collectors shall be protected as TS//SI//TK//REL.	S	TK	USA, FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1	NRO
39. (U) Scope of support						
i. (U) Number of satellites in the total NRO constellation	S	TK	USA, FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1	NRO
ii. (U) Number of satellites in either the COMM, IMINT or SIGINT constellations	S	TK	USA, FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1	NRO
iii. (U) Number of intercepts/images collected in support of an operation if that number reveals the performance, timeliness or throughput of a system. Note:(U) Numbers that are generalized	S	TK	USA, FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1	NRO

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such that they cannot be used to derive performance metrics may be UNCLASSIFIED. Consult your local PSO for specific guidance.							
iv. (U) Health and status of any NRO satellite	S	TK	USA,FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1	NRO	
1. (U) Technical details of why a satellite is less than 100% ready	S	TK	USA, FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1	NRO	
2. (U) Corrective action taken to restore a malfunctioning subsystem.	S	TK	USA,FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1		
3. (U) Identification of a subsystem nogo as a cause for an outage.	S	TK	USA,FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1	NRO	
4. (U) Date and time a subsystem was restored to operational system.	S	TK	USA,FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1	NRO	
40. (U) Technical details that describe Satellite operations Note: This refers to information that reveals how satellite operators command/control the satellite, including the collection payloads	S	TK	USA,FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1	NRO	
41. (U) Country location of targets. Note: (U) For performance reports use only, only the countries of Iraq and Afghanistan may be acknowledged as a target.	S	TK	USA, FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1	NRO	
CONTRACT INFO							
42. (S//TK//REL)		S	TK	USA,FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1	NRO

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<p>43. (S//TK//REL)</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>Note: (S//TK//REL) The fact that ADFs are NRO MGSs doesn't mean that</p> <p>[Redacted]</p>	U					
<p>44. (U) Contract numbers starting with NRO-</p>	U					
<p>45. (U//FOUO) Contract numbers starting with NRO associated with the geographic locations ADF E.C.SW</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>Note: (S//TK//REL) The content of any unclassified documentation</p> <p>[Redacted]</p>	U		FOUO			
<p>46. (S//TK//REL)</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>Note: (S//TK//REL) When/if existing [Redacted] are renewed, a determination will be made if they are to</p> <p>[Redacted]</p>	S	TK	USA, FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1	NRO
<p>47. (U) Contractor unclassified project names/numbers (e.g. P81, P642, DIAMOND, etc) associated with unclassified MGS names.</p> <p>Note: (S//TK//REL) If challenged as to their association with the NRO MGS, contractor unclassified substitute</p>	U					

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identifiers						
48. (U) Contractor unclassified project names/numbers (e.g. P81, P642, DIAMOND, etc) associated with legacy unclassified MGS names.	S	TK	USA, FVEY	1.4(c)	25X1	NRO

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	ADF E	ADF C	ADF SW	RAFMH*	JDFPG*
NRO	U	U	U	U Presence Only	U Presence Only
	U	S//REL TO USA, FVEY	S//REL TO USA, FVEY	S//REL TO USA, FVEY	S//REL TO USA, FVEY
	U	U	U	U//FOUO	U//FOUO
	U	U	U	U//FOUO	U//FOUO
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