§ 1045.38 Automatic declassification prohibition.

(a) Documents containing RD and FRD remain classified until a positive action by an authorized person is taken to declassify them.

(b) In accordance with the Atomic Energy Act, no date or event for automatic declassification ever applies to RD and FRD documents, even if such documents also contain NSI.

(c) E.O. 12958 acknowledges that RD and FRD are exempt from all provisions of the E.O., including automatic declassification.

§ 1045.39 Challenging classification and declassification determinations.

(a) Any authorized holder of an RD or FRD document who, in good faith, believes that the RD or FRD document has an improper classification status is encouraged and expected to challenge the classification with the RD Classifier who classified the document.

(b) Agencies shall establish procedures under which authorized holders of RD and FRD documents are encouraged and expected to challenge any classification status they believe is improper. These procedures shall assure that:

1. Under no circumstances are persons subject to retribution for bringing forth a classification challenge.
2. The individual who initially receives the challenge provides a response within 90 days to the person bringing forth the challenge.
3. A decision concerning a challenge involving RD or FRD may be appealed to the Director of Classification. In the case of FRD and RD related primarily to the military utilization of nuclear weapons, the Director of Classification shall coordinate with the DoD. If the justification for classification does not satisfy the person making the challenge, a further appeal may be made to the Chief Health, Safety and Security Officer.
4. Classification challenges concerning documents containing RD and FRD information are not subject to review by the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel, unless those documents also contain NSI which is the basis for the challenge. In such cases, the RD and FRD portions of the document shall be deleted and then the NSI and unclassified portions shall be provided to the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel for review.

§ 1045.40 Marking requirements.

(a) RD classifiers shall ensure that each RD and FRD document is clearly marked to convey to the holder that it contains RD or FRD information, the level of classification assigned, and the additional markings in paragraphs (b)(3) and (4) of this section.

(b) Front Marking. In addition to the overall classification level of the document, the following notices shall appear on the front of the document, as appropriate:

1. If the document contains RD:
   RESTRICTED DATA
   This document contains RESTRICTED DATA as defined in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954. Unauthorized disclosure subject to administrative and criminal sanctions.

2. If the document contains FRD but does not contain RD:
   FORMERLY RESTRICTED DATA
   Unauthorized disclosure subject to administrative and criminal sanctions. Handle as RESTRICTED DATA in foreign dissemination. Section 144b, Atomic Energy Act of 1954.

3. An RD or FRD document shall be marked to identify the classification guide or source document, by title and date, used to classify the document:
   Derived from:
   Classification Guide or source document—title and date

4. An RD or FRD document shall be marked with the identity of the RD classifier, unless the classifier is the same as the document originator or signee.
   RD Classifier:
   Name and position or title

(c) Interior Page. RD classifiers shall ensure that RD and FRD documents are clearly marked at the top and bottom of each interior page with the