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**REGIONAL DISCARD RELIEF: A DISCUSSION OF THE FDLP'S NEW REGIONAL
DEPOSITORY POLICY**

REGIONAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARIANS FROM WESTERN STATES

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Agenda

Overview of Regional Discard Policy

Questions for Panelists

Open Discussion



“Government Publications Authorized for Discard by Regional Depository Libraries”

1. The publication is superseded or later issued in bound form.
2. The publication:
 - Has been retained by the regional in tangible form for a period of seven years from the date of receipt, processing, or shipping list date;
 - Is available on GPO’s Federal Digital System in a format that meets the standards of the Superintendent of Documents as authentic with the digital signature of the Superintendent of Documents.
 - Exists in tangible form with at least four tangible copies distributed geographically within the FDLP.



Other Stipulations of the Regional Discard Policy

- Regional depository libraries must first receive advance approval to discard from the Superintendent of Documents.
- Before publications are disposed of, regionals must first offer the publication to the selective depository libraries they serve and then to other depository libraries nationwide.
- Nothing in this policy mandates that a regional depository library dispose of a tangible publication because there is an authenticated version on FDsys.



Titles Initially Eligible for Discard in Phase 1

- Federal Register, 1995-2009
- Congressional Record (daily), 1995-2009
- Selected hearings from the House Committee on Agriculture, 2006-2009
- Selected hearings from the House Ways and Means Committee, 1995-2009



Preservation Stewards

Preservation stewards take on responsibilities for preserving depository materials that are preservation copies of record. At least four stewards must be designated before any titles are discarded by Regionals.

Responsibility includes:

- Preventive preservation, or activities that prevent (or delay) materials from degrading or becoming damaged.
- Conservation or retrospective preservation, which reverses degradation or damage to materials – if there is such a program in the library.



Preservation Stewards

- Responsibilities will be documented in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the library and GPO
- Catalog of U.S. Government Publications will document where preservation copies are held
- Goal is to have preservation copies geographically dispersed



Phase 1:

September 2016 - July 2017

- Establish Memorandums of Agreement (MOA) for preservation stewards
- All 46 regional libraries invited to participate
- Publish lists of eligible titles authorized for discard (*tangible formats, including microfiche*)
- Regionals begin submitting discard requests
- GPO will continue to consult with the Regional Discard Advisory Group



Regional Discard Advisory Group

- Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records
- Boston Public Library
- Oklahoma Department of Libraries
- Oklahoma State University
- Oregon State Library
- University of Florida
- University of Virginia



Resources and Comment

Latest information and documents are posted on the
Implementing the Regional Discard Policy web site:

[http://www.fdlp.gov/about-the-fdlp/projects/2641-
implementing-the-regional-discard-policy](http://www.fdlp.gov/about-the-fdlp/projects/2641-implementing-the-regional-discard-policy)

Questions for Panelists

Will your library become a preservation steward?

- Is this something that your administration would support?
- If so, what strategies have you considered to assess the comprehensiveness and condition of your collection?

Will your library discard any of the titles listed in Phase 1?

Are you facing active size constraints/mandates to reduce your physical footprint?

Is continuing regional status for your library contingent on being able to discard?

Would you prefer to pursue a shared housing agreement as an alternative to discarding?

If you are planning to discard a title, are you discarding all physical formats (print and microfiche) or retaining one?

Discussion

Questions & Comments from the Audience



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