

**NOTICE**  
**TO CONTRACTORS CLEARED UNDER THE**  
**NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL SECURITY PROGRAM**  
**ON**  
**INADVERTENT EXPOSURE TO POTENTIALLY CLASSIFIED**  
**INFORMATION IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN**

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Contractors must not, while accessing the web on Contractor's unclassified systems, access or download documents that are known or suspected to contain classified information. Classified information, whether or not already posted on public websites, disclosed to the media, or otherwise in the public domain remains classified and must be treated as such until it is declassified by an appropriate U.S. government authority. It is the responsibility of every Contractor to protect classified information and to follow established procedures for accessing classified information only through authorized means.

Contractors who inadvertently discover potentially classified information in the public domain will report its existence immediately to their Facility Security Officers (FSO). Companies are instructed to delete the offending material by holding down the SHIFT key while pressing the DELETE key for Windows-based systems and clearing of the internet browser cache. Subsequently, administrative inquiries and adverse reports are not required. These procedures apply only to the inadvertent exposure to classified information in the public domain.