

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Satellite Land Remote Sensing Data Archive
Advisory Committee Meeting

Recommendations from the Minutes of
Final Meeting of 1st 2-Year Charter
Reston, Virginia
April 26-28, 2000

Recommendations from the draft white paper:

1. In order to fulfill its mission the Archive may acquire restricted data even if there are limitations on subsequent access and use of the data.
2. Accept restricted data into the Archive with sunset clauses in which all conditions including cost, expire no later than five years.
3. Accept no restricted data subject to royalty arrangements.
4. Only accept data into the Archive if ephemeris data, processing parameters, metadata, instrument characteristics, calibration parameters are included.
5. In exchange for the cost of maintaining restricted data that are accepted into the Archive, U.S. government, academic, and educational users will have unrestricted use of the data as if the restricted data were in the public domain.
6. Restricted data in the Archive will be made available to appropriate government organizations as if it were in the public domain, in the event of natural US hazards/disasters.
7. Public domain and restricted data should be available in a meaningful manner to the user.
8. U.S. commercial system licensees will notify the Archive no less than 12 months prior to purging their data.
9. The Archive should establish processes to encourage non-U.S. government and non-U.S. government licensed satellite operators to notify the Archive of purge plans.
10. Investigate "Free and unrestricted use for non-commercial purposes," in particular academic and educational purposes. (see wmo resolution 40)

Final recommendations and vote:

Recommendation #1. In order to fulfill its mission, the Archive may acquire restricted data as long as the restrictions expire in a specified, finite period of time.

Recommendation to accept number 1. 13 for 1 against.

The first bullet should become part of the preamble since it is part of the Public Law. It is taken care of by Section D. Leaving it in the recommendations it means it is finite. And it could mean it is open to interpretation. This is an attempt to give a positive statement. This Committee thinks the Archive should be allowed to acquire restricted data and it should stand as an agreement (and we have voted on it).

Recommendation #2. Accept restricted data into the Archive only with a sunset clause on every restriction; for example less than the 10-year limit exercised by Congress regarding Landsats 4 and 5 TM data

Vote on recommendation #2. 13 for 1 opposed (because of his New England heritage).

Recommendation #3. Restricted data subject to royalty arrangements should be avoided.

Vote on recommendation #3. 14 for 0 opposed.

Recommendation #4. Data that do not include ephemeris data, processing parameters, metadata, instrument characteristics, and calibration parameters should be avoided.

Vote on recommendation#4. 13 for 1 opposed.

Recommendation #5. Move to strike but reserve the issue for future debate and put a marker that agreement was not reached even with strong comments. 12 for 2 opposed.

Recommendation #6. Motion to delete the language and accept replacement as a recommendation. 14 for 0 opposed.

Approved: To improve responsiveness to officially designated disasters or for humanitarian assistance, the Archive should negotiate conditions that accommodate unconditional access to, and use of, restricted data by appropriate Government organizations for their response to the emergency event.

Recommendation #7. Move to strike the sentence because there is nothing new and has already been sent to the Secretary. 14 for 0 opposed.

Recommendation #8. The Archive should recommend to NOAA that U.S. commercial systems licensees notify the Archive no less than 12 months prior to purging their data. 14 for 0 opposed.

Recommendation #9. The Archive should establish and maintain processes to encourage non-U.S. Governments and non-U.S. commercial satellite operators/owners to notify the Archive of purge plans. 14 for 0 opposed.

Recommendation #10. Strike the deferred bullet and rewrite what we want to have it say.

Approved: When acquiring restricted data, the Archive shall negotiate as appropriate, its broader use for state, local, and/or tribal government needs. 11 approved, 2 opposed, 1 absentia.

Add to end of Recommendation #10. Just as with public domain, restricted data should be made available to users in a meaningful manner. 14 for 0 opposed.

Final Recommendations

Preamble that the Committee sees that the Archive follows through on the decisions made.

Build a liaison with other archives throughout the world. Archives should work together on standards.

Add to Recommendations: Recognize that the Archive will become a global data center. Preservation and access. 12 for 0 opposed.

Outreach 12 for 0 opposed.

International leadership role. 12 for 0 opposed.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 4201 (1984).