THE RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS: AN INTERAGENCY SECURITY COMMITTEE STANDARD

The Risk Management Process: An Interagency Security Committee Standard defines the criteria and processes that those responsible for a facility’s security should use in determining a facility’s security level. This standard provides an integrated, single source of physical security countermeasures and guidance on countermeasure customization for all nonmilitary federal facilities.

The Risk Management Process (RMP) identifies an Achievable Level of Protection (LOP) commensurate with—or as close as possible to—the level of risk without exceeding the level of risk. The Interagency Security Committee (ISC) identifies a six-step approach.

1. Determine Facility Security Level (FSL)
2. Identify Baseline LOP
3. Identify and Assess Risk
4. Determine Necessary and/or Achievable LOP
5. Implement Customized LOP and/or Accept Risk
6. Measure Performance

Step 1 uses five Security Evaluation Factors as the basis for the FSL.

- Mission Criticality
- Facility Population
- Symbolism
- Facility Size
- Threat to Tenant Agencies

Steps 2 through 6 are supported by several key appendices:

- Appendix A: The Design-Basis Threat Report (FOUO)
  - Creates profile of type, composition, and capabilities of adversaries
  - Identifies 33 Undesirable Events grouped into 9 categories
- Appendix B: Countermeasures (FOUO): Establishes a set of physical security countermeasures for all Federal facilities based on the determined LOP
- Appendix C: Child-Care Center Level of Protection Template (FOUO): Specifies the customized LOP for security planning for child-care centers
- Appendix D: How to Conduct a Facility Security Committee (FSC): Provides guidance on how to establish and conduct an FSC when presented with facility security issues
- Appendix E: Use of Physical Security Performance Measures provides guidance on how to establish and implement a comprehensive measurement and testing program

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