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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS  
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SUBJECT: Policy on Department of Defense (DoD) Electronic  
Notice and Consent Banner

We increasingly rely on uninterrupted service from our information systems and the supporting infrastructure to provide authentic, accurate, and timely information. This is a critical link to our success. These systems, however, are continually under attack by hackers and other unscrupulous individuals and organizations. Effective monitoring of DoD automated information systems (AIS) to detect unauthorized access or intrusion is an important part of the Department's effort to ensure availability, accuracy, and authenticity of information in these systems.

For DoD monitoring of its AIS, I hereby direct that all DoD AIS must display, as a minimum, an electronic "log-on notice and consent banner" that advises users of the following principles:

- the system is a DoD system;
- the system is subject to monitoring;
- monitoring is authorized in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and conducted for purposes of systems management and protection, protection against improper or unauthorized use or access, and verification of applicable security features or procedures, and;
- use of the system constitutes consent to monitoring.

Any AIS now in use that does not automatically display a notice and consent banner must include a banner within 90 days of the date of this memorandum. A sample banner incorporating the required information is attached and may be used on DoD systems.

New systems must include a log-on banner when they are put into service. Systems owners shall review their existing electronic banners to ensure they comply with this policy. This review should include consultation with appropriate legal counsel.

I encourage the use of one or more of the following measures along with the electronic banner to distribute notification to the user. Combining these approaches will greatly heighten user awareness:

- notice and consent decals placed on the AIS devices;
- notice in the daily bulletins or similar media;
- notices to all users advising them of the monitoring program;
- statements in standard operating procedures or similar publications that system use constitutes consent to monitoring;
- as part of initial processing of new personnel, advising them of this policy;
- periodic security awareness briefings for all users.

Additional information or assistance regarding this policy may be obtained from Mr. Roger Callahan, Director, Information Assurance, assigned to the office of my Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Command, Control and Communications). Mr. Callahan may be reached at (703)695-8705 or by e-mail: roger.callahan@osd.pentagon.mil.



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Attachment

NOTICE AND CONSENT  
LOG-ON BANNER

THIS IS A NOTICE OF MONITORING DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INTEREST COMPUTER SYSTEM (DODICS). This system and ALL related equipment may be used only for official US Government business. This system and all other DODICSS are subject to monitoring for management of the system, protection against unauthorized access, and verification of security procedures. Unauthorized use of this system may subject you to criminal prosecution and penalties. Use of this system constitutes consent to monitoring for these purposes.

December 1996: For further policy information concerning this notice, contact the Information Assurance Directorate, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence: (703) 693-6685 or (703) 695-8705