
NGAC

**Geospatial Privacy Subcommittee
2016 Update**

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2015 Guidance

The issue of geolocation privacy is an area of continuing importance to the FGDC and the organizations represented on the NGAC. The FGDC will continue to collaborate with the NGAC to review and develop common approaches to understand and address the issue of geolocation privacy, including the following:

- Provide continuing feedback and advice on emerging geospatial privacy issues and policy developments. Develop and refine background and briefing materials on key geospatial privacy issues.

Summary of Activities - 2015

- Increased awareness of unique aspects of geolocation privacy within federal privacy community
- Positioned NGAC/FGDC as a resource on geolocation privacy issues
- Informed NGAC and FGDC on developments in privacy laws that could impact geospatial community

Accomplishments, Products, & Events

- Prepared Resolution regarding FGDC collaboration with National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Multi-stakeholder process regarding drone privacy
- Presentation to CIO Council Privacy Subcommittee on unique aspects of geolocation privacy
- Presentation at Federal Privacy Summit on unique aspects of geolocation privacy

2015 CIO Privacy Summit

- Sponsored by CIO Council
- +375 attendees
- Keynote by Shaun Donovan, OMB Director
- Policy Announcements:
 - Creation of new Federal Privacy Council (modeled on CIO Council)
 - Updates/revisions to key OMB policy documents on privacy:
 - OMB Circular A-130 & Circular A-108

Privacy Summit – Geospatial Privacy Session

- **Ivan DeLoatch (moderator)**
Federal Geographic Data Committee

Welcome/Introductions

- **Kevin Pomfret**
National Geospatial Advisory Committee

Overview of geospatial privacy issues from the perspective of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee

- **John Verdi**
National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

Overview of NTIA's multi-stakeholder engagement process on privacy issues related to Unmanned Aircraft Systems

- **Jerry Johnston**
U.S. Department of the Interior

Overview of Interagency Geospatial Platform initiative & related privacy issues

Next Steps

- Continue to engage with Federal privacy community on geolocation privacy issues.
- Explore opportunities for research on the privacy implications of aggregating open geospatial data sets in an NSDI
- Increase awareness within the geospatial community on the potential impact of federal privacy initiatives

Recent Privacy Developments

- Important developments
 - Apple/FBI standoff
 - “Right to be Forgotten” is global
- Important cases
 - State of Maryland v. Kerron Andrew – law enforcement needs a warrant before using Stingray technology to track mobile phone.
 - United States v. Houston - 24/7 video surveillance of a rural farm by security cam without a warrant did not violate the Fourth Amendment

Recent Privacy Developments

- Concerns continue over use of drones
 - Federal agencies rolling out plans
 - NTIA Multi-stakeholder Process
 - Strong disagreement among stakeholders
 - Several bills before Congress
 - Proliferation of state laws regarding privacy-related matters
 - Take different forms
 - Raise federal preemption issues