# IMPACT OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS ON GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

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> Policy instead of law;

- > (e.g., definition of National Spatial Data Infrastructure in Geospatial Data Act of 2018 "means the technology, <u>policies</u>, criteria, standards, and employees necessary to promote geospatial data sharing throughout the Federal Government, State, tribal, and local governments, and the private sector (including nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher education)")
- > "Open Data" instead of licensing
- > Ethics instead of privacy/data protection
- > Data quality, provenance or governance instead of liability
- > digital rights management instead of intellectual property rights



#### GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, BUSINESSES AND NGO'S ALL TALK ABOUT THE SAME SET OF ISSUES

- > When I talk to government agencies, businesses and NGO's, they raise the same issues regarding data sharing.
  - Licensing
  - Data Protection/Privacy
  - Liability concerns
  - National Security laws
  - Regulatory restrictions/requirements
- > True in every country, regardless of geomaturity, legal system or level of government support (\$\$\$).
- > As a result, geospatial community is not actively participating in important legal/regulatory discussions. (e.g., Data protection; artificial Intelligence)



### THEORY OF GEOSPATIAL DATA AGGREGATION

 $X = (A^*B)C^2$ 

Where:

- X= complexity of aggregation
- A = number of data sets
- B = number of different legal systems involved
- C = number of parties removed from original data source



#### FGDC VS GEOSPATIAL LAW

#### > FGDC Website

- Geospatial Data Act of 2018
- OMB Circular A-16 and Supplemental Guidance
- OMB Circulars that guide the FGDC policies
- Executive Order establishing the NSDI
- FGDC Policies

#### > Geospatial Law

- Security classification rules and regulations
- Title 13
- U.S. Constitution
- World Meteorological Organization Resolution 40
- Privacy Act of 1974
- FAR and DFARS
- Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018
- FTC v Kochava
- NIST SP 800-188: De-Identifying Government Datasets: Techniques and Governance
- DOD Directive 5105.60
- And many more

