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MEMORANDUM

To: John Moeller
Chair, Coordination Group, Federal Geographic Data Committee

From: Kenneth Osborn
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Committee

Subject: Draft National Spatial Data Infrastructure, Content Standard for Framework Land
Elevation Data

On behalf of the Subcommittee on Base Cartographic Data (SBCD) of the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC), I request that further processing, pursuant to FGDC endorsement, of the draft Content Standard for Framework Land Elevation Data be temporarily put on hold.

As evidenced by the discussions at the FGDC Coordination Group Meeting of February 4, 1999, there are outstanding issues associated with the current definition of the Elevation theme of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) Framework. The SBCD has determined that these outstanding issues should be more completely debated, within the FGDC and its constituency, and resolved before the SBCD seeks FGDC endorsement and promotes implementation of this proposed Framework standard.

The SBCD is willing to participate in the efforts to re-evaluate the definition of the Elevation theme of the NSDI geospatial data Framework. Further, once some of the more contentious issues associated with the definition of the Elevation theme of the NSDI Framework are resolved, the SBCD will re-evaluate the status of the current draft standard and develop a plan of action pursuant to the SBCD goal of developing and implementing an Elevation standard for the NSDI.

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