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Superintendent of Documents

Managing Director, Library Services & Content Management



## August 31, 2021

Dear Regional Depository Coordinator,

This letter is to inform you that beginning September 1, 2021, regional depository libraries are authorized to select the online (EL) versions of the daily *Congressional Record* (0994-B-01) and the *Federal Register* (0573-F) without having to select equivalent tangible versions. Regionals may opt to deselect these titles in paper and microfiche.

This authorization is in accordance with Superintendent of Documents Public Policy Statement (SOD-PPS-2021-1), Regional Depository Libraries Online Selections, which became effective today, August 31, 2021. Its purpose is to provide regional depository libraries with options and more flexibilities in collection management, while ensuring continued permanent public access to the publications of the U.S. Government.

Library Services and Content Management (LSCM) has secured print selectors in each of the four geographical regions of the country for both the daily *Congressional Record* and *Federal Register*. With this requirement met, regional depository libraries may employ this policy and deselect tangible versions of these two titles.

If a regional depository library elects to deselect one or both of these titles in paper or microfiche they will not receive new tangible issues of these titles. All holdings received prior to these titles becoming eligible for deselection must be retained in the depository collection until eligible for discard in accordance with the Superseded List.

Should you decide to apply this policy, you are required to:

- Deselect the tangible item number(s) from your selection profile in **DSIMS**.
- Use the <u>Regional Online Selections Statistics</u> template to gather monthly statistics through December 31, 2021 and report them to LSCM by January 15, 2022.

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• Inform the selectives you serve that you will no longer receive the daily Congressional Record or Federal Register in a tangible format. You should also consider telling them which selectives in your service area receive the print and microfiche versions and who the print selectors for the geographic region are.

LSCM will conduct a post-implementation usage analysis, which will include the data gathered and submitted by regional depository coordinators.

For more information about the policy, please see the <u>Regional Online Selections</u> <u>Policy page</u> on FDLP.gov. If you have any questions submit them using <u>askGPO</u>. Thank you for your commitment to provide access to Federal Government information, and your continued support of the Federal Depository Library Program.

Best regards,

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cc: Regional Depository Library Directors