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Dear Federal Depository Coordinator:

This letter is to update you on the implementation of [Government Publications Authorized for Discard by Regional Depository Libraries](#), Superintendent of Documents Public Policy Statement 2016-3 (SOD-PPS-2016-3), and to announce the first title eligible for discard under this policy.

SOD-PPS-2016-3 became effective May 31, 2016 with the approval of the U.S. Government Publishing Office's (GPO) congressional oversight committee, the Joint Committee on Printing (JCP). The policy allows for the discard of materials by regional depository libraries when specified criteria are met.

Since this time Library Services and Content Management (LSCM) has been working to establish processes and procedures to implement the policy; developing the Preservation Steward partnerships; and digitizing historical content for ingest to **govinfo**. In accordance with our procedures, titles are eligible for discard by regional depositories when:

1. A digital equivalent with the GPO Seal of Authenticity is available on **govinfo**.
2. The item has been held by the regional library for 7 years.
3. A minimum of 4 tangible copies are held by geographically dispersed Preservation Stewards.
4. The regional library is in compliance with all agreements deposited with the Superintendent of Documents (e.g. Shared Housing Agreements, Shared Regional Agreements.)
5. The Superintendent of Documents has officially authorized the discard.

I am pleased to announce that several [volumes of Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States](#) (Public Papers) have met these criteria. I now invite regional depository libraries that wish to discard the Public Papers to submit a request for authorized approval to discard.

For information on the eligibility of specific volumes, the instructions for submitting a request, the regional discard process, or if you have any questions, please see the [Regional Discard Policy page](#) on FDLP.gov

Sincerely,



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cc: Library Director