



February 16, 2012

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Dear Julia and Members of the ASERL FDLP Steering Committee:

As outlined in your letter dated February 13, 2012, it appears that the two changes you propose making to the Document Disposition Database this summer will bring it into compliance with the requirement of 44 U.S.C. § 1912, that:

“[t]he libraries designated as regional depositories may permit depository libraries, within the areas served by them, to dispose of Government publications which they have retained for five years after first offering them to other depository libraries within their area, then to other libraries.” (emphasis added)

We reiterated during the meeting our statements from previous correspondence that we generally support the ASERL project and the concept of Centers of Excellence. We are very grateful to the commitment of the directors and staff of the depository libraries that have agreed to become Centers of Excellence to take on these new responsibilities to improve public access to Federal government information.

We understand from your letter that these changes need to be shared with the ASERL community and other depository libraries within the ASERL region to get their agreement with the revised disposition process, including the proposed times to be provided to the primary regionals and the selectives served by the primary regional to review and make any claims for needed materials. And, additionally, that the revised *ASERL Southeast Region Guidelines for Management and Disposition of Federal Depository Library Collections: Implementation Plan* reflecting the changes to the Document Disposition Database would then be submitted for approval at the Spring Membership Meeting in April.



We would appreciate the opportunity to review the revised Implementation Plan prior to the ASERL April meeting. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Alice Baish".

MARY ALICE BAISH
Assistant Public Printer
(Superintendent of Documents)

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