

**RESCISSION OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION
LOCATOR SERVICE (GILS)**

1. Pursuant to instructions published in the *Federal Register*/Vol. 73 No. 170/Tuesday, September 2, 2008, the Secretary of the Department of Commerce announced approval for the withdrawal of ten Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS), to include FIPS 192 and FIPS 192 (a) & (b), Application Profile for the Government Information Locator Service (GILS). This FIPS is being withdrawn because it is obsolete, or has not been updated to adopt current voluntary industry standards. Federal agencies and departments are directed by the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-113) to use technical standards that are developed in voluntary consensus standards bodies. Consequently, FIPS that duplicate voluntary consensus standards are no longer needed.
2. As a result of this ruling, VA Handbook 6360.1, Procedures to Implement the Government Information Locator System (GILS), is rescinded, effective immediately.
3. Inquiries regarding this rescission should be addressed to the Office of Information and Technology (005), Enterprise Records Service (005R1B).
4. **RESCISSION.** This Notice is rescinded as of May 30, 2010. However, the rescission action will remain in effect.

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**BY DIRECTION OF THE SECRETARY
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