

*Office of Records Services –
Washington Declassification
Programs Update*

**Briefing for the Public Interest
Declassification Board
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National Declassification Initiative

- Jointly announced by the Archivist and Director, ISOO in Congressional testimony in March 2006
- NDI seen as means of clearing large backlog of unprocessed classified records at College Park
- NDI serves as a concept demonstrator for a possible National Declassification Center

NDI and Review Quality

- NDI is series of processes that enables previously reviewed classified records to move to the open stacks
- Quality of review is a significant issue in the NDI
 - Do the records still contain unidentified equity that would be exposed after archival processing?
 - Are there flaws in agencies' declassification review programs that require feedback to correct?

The Quality Assurance Team

- NDI Quality Assurance Team established to make such determinations
 - Multi-agency membership (Army, CIA, DOE, JCS, NARA, Navy, and State)
 - Team meets once a week
 - Team samples approximately 100 cubic feet of records per session
 - Quality determinations made by consensus at end of each session

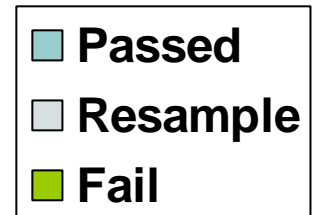
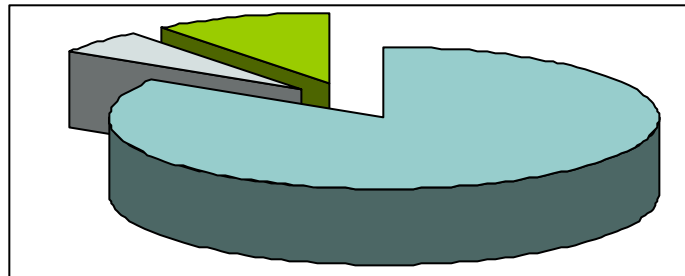
The Quality Assurance Team (Continued)

- 14 QA Team sessions held since 3/14/2007

Quality Results by MLR Entry

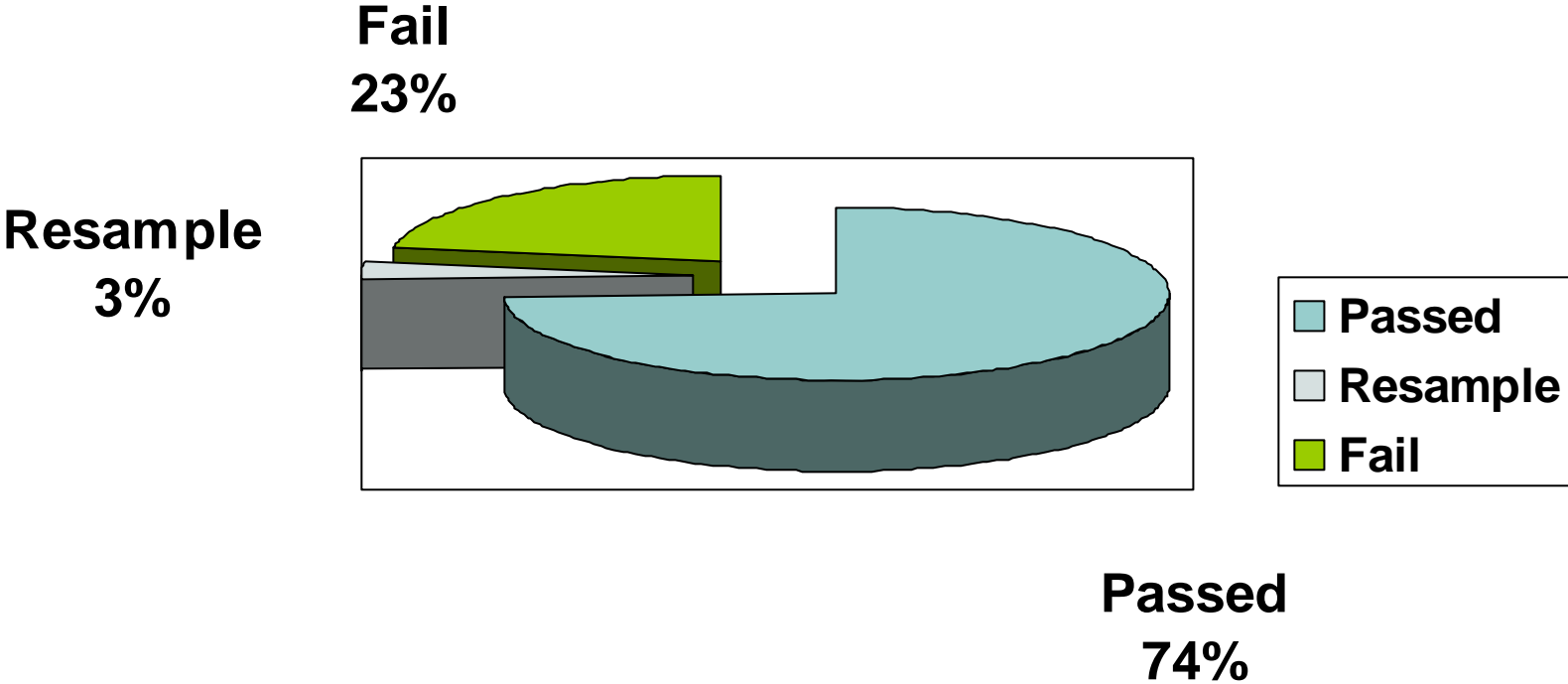
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Passed
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Quality Results by Volume



QA Team Results

- Over 1,500 cubic feet passed to IRC processing
- Over 370 cubic feet require remediation
 - Records require remediation when the number and character of missed equities lead the QA Team to question the quality of the original agency declassification review

Analysis of QA Team Results

- Small-sized entries have greater chance of passing
 - QA Team remediates smaller entries on the spot—larger entries cannot be completely reviewed by team
- Inconsistency is greatest issue in problematic agency reviews

NDI Lessons Learned

- Workplans may require modification taking review quality trends into account
- Remediation work must be performed on a regular basis with identified, dedicated resources