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1. IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Identification information provides basic information about the data set, including the title, geographic area covered, currentness, and rules for acquiring or using the data. Required elements of metadata are those necessary for identification of the data set and include citation, description, time period of content, status, spatial domain, keywords, access constraints, and use constraints. The identification information is a mandatory element of the data set metadata.

1.1 CITATION

The citation is the recommended reference to be used for the data set. The citation information is composed of the following:

originator - name of an organization or individual that developed the data set

publication date - the date when the data set is published or otherwise made available for release

title - the name by which the data set is known

geospatial data presentation form - mode in which the geospatial data are represented. This element usually identifies types of cartographic data in hardcopy form; scanned images of maps have a presentation form of map.

publication information - publication detail for published data sets. For NMD data, the publisher is always the U.S. Geological Survey and the publication place always appears as Reston VA.

publication place - name of the city (and State) where the data set was published or released

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publisher - name of the individual or organization that published the data set

1.1.1 Example

Identification_Information:

Citation:

Citation_Information:

Originator: *U.S. Geological Survey*

Publication_Date: the date (year or year and month) the metadata file for the DRG is completed; format YYYY or YYYYMM. This date is used because the creation of the metadata is considered the final step in the production of a DRG.

Title: the Geographic Cell Names Data Base (GCNDB) designation for the map (names in the GCNDB may be different from the name on the source graphic)

Geospatial_Data_Presentation_Form: *map*

Publication_Information:

Publication_Place: *Reston VA*

Publisher: *U.S. Geological Survey*

1.2 DESCRIPTION

This element consists of an abstract, the purpose of the data set, and any optional supplemental information.

abstract - a brief narrative summary of the data set

purpose - a summary of the intentions with which the data set was developed

supplemental information - additional optional information about the data set (included as needed)

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1.2.1 Example

Abstract:

The digital raster graphic (DRG) is a raster image of a scanned USGS topographic or planimetric map, including the collar information, georeferenced to the UTM grid.

Purpose:

A DRG is useful as a source or background layer in a GIS, as a means to quality assurance on other digital products, and as a source for the collection and revision of vector data. DRG's can also be merged with other digital data; for example, DEM's or DOQ's, to produce a hybrid digital file.

1.3 TIME PERIOD OF CONTENT

This element may be a single date/time, multiple dates/times, or a range of dates/times and a currentness reference.

single date/time - the means of encoding a single date and time
calendar date - the year representing the latest date of
information in the data set

currentness reference - the basis on which content currentness is
determined; for example, ground condition

1.3.1 Example

Time_Period_of_Content:

Time_Period_Information:

Single_Date/Time:

Calendar_Date: The latest date (year) in the lower right corner under the map name; format YYYY. (This may be the map date, the photorevision date, or the photoinspection date.)

Currentness_Reference: *ground condition*

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1.4 STATUS

This element includes the progress, maintenance, and update frequency information.

progress - the state of the data set

maintenance and update frequency - the frequency with which changes and additions are made to the data set after the initial data set is completed

1.4.1 Example

Progress: *complete*

Maintenance and Update Frequency: *irregular*

1.5 SPATIAL DOMAIN

This element shows the areal coverage of the data set. The limits are given in latitude-longitude values in decimal degrees. Longitudes in the Western Hemisphere are preceded by a minus (-) sign. For data sets that include a complete band of latitude around the Earth, the west bounding coordinate is assigned the value of minus (-) 180.0 and the east bounding coordinate is assigned the value 180.0. Data sets with overedge coverage are referenced to the nominal tile coordinates in the NDCDB.

bounding coordinates - the latitude and longitude values for the data set in the following order:

west bounding coordinate: the westernmost longitude of the data set

east bounding coordinate: the easternmost longitude of the data set

north bounding coordinate: the northernmost latitude of the data set

south bounding coordinate: the southernmost latitude of the data set

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set

1.5.1 Example

Spatial_Domain:

Bounding _Coordinates: (do not include overedge or map collar on the graphic)

West_Bounding_Coordinate: western longitude in decimal degrees

East_Bounding_Coordinate: eastern longitude in decimal degrees

North_Bounding_Coordinate: northern latitude in decimal degrees

South_Bounding_Coordinate: southern latitude in decimal degrees

1.6 KEYWORDS

Words or phrases summarizing an aspect of the data set. This element is composed of theme, place, stratum, and temporal keywords. NMD uses only the theme and place subelements.

theme - subjects covered by the data set

theme keyword thesaurus - reference to a formally registered thesaurus or similar authoritative source of theme keywords

theme keyword - common-use word or phrase used to describe the content of the data set and the type of digital data

place - geographic locations covered by the data set

place keyword thesaurus - reference to a formally registered thesaurus or a similar authoritative source of place keywords

place keyword - the geographic name of a location covered by a data set; usually US and the two-letter State abbreviation

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1.6.1 Example

Theme:

Theme_Keyword_Thesaurus: *none*

Theme_Keyword: *digital raster graphic*

Theme_Keyword: *DRG*

Theme_Keyword: *topographic map*

Theme_Keyword: *planimetric map*

Place:

Place_Keyword_Thesaurus:

U.S. Department of Commerce, 1977, Countries, dependencies, areas of special sovereignty, and their principal administrative divisions (Federal Information Processing Standard 10-3): Washington, D.C., National Institute of Standards and Technology

Place_Keyword: *US*

Place_Keyword: *CN* (use only if DRG includes a part of Canada)

Place_Keyword: *MX* (use only if DRG includes a part of Mexico)

Place_Keyword_Thesaurus:

U.S. Department of Commerce, 1987, Codes for the identification of the States, the District of Columbia and the outlying areas of the United States, and associated areas (Federal Information Processing Standard 5-2): Washington, D.C., National Institute of Standards and Technology

Place_Keyword: the two-letter designation for the State(s) (use a separate entry for each State shown in the map title)

Place_Keyword_Thesaurus: *Geographic Cell Names Data Base* (add only if the map has a different name than the one in the GCNDB)

Place_Keyword: (use only if the map has a different name than the one used for the Title)

1.7 ACCESS CONSTRAINTS

Access constraints are the restrictions and legal prerequisites for accessing the data set, including constraints to protect privacy or intellectual property or limitations on obtaining the data set.

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1.7.1 Example

Access_Constraints: *none*

1.8 USE CONSTRAINTS

This element sets out the restrictions and legal prerequisites for using the data set after access is granted. For DRG's containing data provided by Canada or carrying the Canadian copyright note, add the information below about the copyright note.

1.8.1 Example

Use_Constraints:

Acknowledgment of the U.S. Geological Survey would be appreciated for products derived from these data.

This DRG contains data provided by Canada which is copyrighted by Canada and may not be distributed without express consent of Natural Resources Canada, 4th Floor, 615 Booth Street, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0E9.

1.9 DATA SET CREDIT

This element provides recognition of those who contributed to the data set.

1.9.1 Example

Data_Set_Credit: include States or agencies that contributed to the production of the data set

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1.10 NATIVE DATA SET ENVIRONMENT

This element provides a description of the data set in the producer's processing environment, including items such as the name and version of the software, the computer operating system, file name including host-, path- and filenames, and the data set size.

1.10.1 Example

Native_Data_Set_Environment: include the software version and date, hardware operating system, and the file size in bytes

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2. DATA QUALITY INFORMATION

Data quality information provides a general assessment of the quality of the data set. Recommendations on information to be reported and tests to be performed are found in "Spatial Data Quality," chapter 1, part 3, in U.S. Department of Commerce, 1992, Spatial Data Transfer Standard (SDTS) (Federal Information Processing Standard 173): Washington, D.C., National Institute of Standards and Technology.

2.1 ATTRIBUTE ACCURACY

Attribute accuracy is an assessment of the accuracy of the identification of entities and assignment of attribute values in the data set.

attribute accuracy report - the explanation of the accuracy of the identification of the entities and assignments of values in the data set and a description of the test used

2.1.1 Example

Attribute Accuracy Report:

The DRG is an 8-bit color image that uses a color palette to ensure uniform colors throughout a particular DRG series. All DRG's within a series must have the same red-green-blue (RGB) values. Attributes inherent in the symbology of the source graphic remain the same in the DRG.

2.2 LOGICAL CONSISTENCY REPORT

This element provides an explanation of the fidelity of the relationships in the data set and the tests used.

2.2.1 Example

Logical Consistency Report: *not applicable*

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2.3 COMPLETENESS REPORT

This element provides information about omissions, selection criteria, generalization, definitions, and other rules used to derive the data set. Use the appropriate description depending on the revision status of the data set.

2.3.1 Example

Completeness Report:

The digital raster graphic is a faithfully reproduced digital image of the original source map. Some color differences may be detected between the source graphic and the DRG because of the RGB values assigned that particular color. The intent is to re-create those colors as closely as possible. Data completeness for digital raster graphic files reflects the content of the source graphic.

2.4 POSITIONAL ACCURACY

This element provides an assessment of the accuracy of the positions of spatial objects in both horizontal and vertical positions.

horizontal positional accuracy - an estimate of accuracy of the horizontal positions of the spatial objects

horizontal positional accuracy report - an explanation of the accuracy of the horizontal coordinate measurements and a description of the tests used.

vertical positional accuracy - the estimate of accuracy of the vertical position in the data set

vertical positional accuracy report - an explanation of the accuracy of the vertical coordinate measurements and a description of the tests used.

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2.4.1 Example

Positional Accuracy:

Horizontal_Positional_Accuracy:

Horizontal_Positional_Accuracy_Report:

Although the datum of the published map is retained, in order to be consistent with other USGS digital data, this image is cast on the UTM and may therefore be INCONSISTENT with the credit note on the image collar. DRG's meet the accuracy standards of the source map scale only in the area of the DRG that falls within the neatline of the source map, excluding insets. Overedge areas fall outside the transformation boundary area (map neatline). As a result, areas outside the neatline and beyond the control point extent can exhibit anomalies or discrepancies. These anomalies will also appear in the map inset area and in the map collar.

Vertical_Positional_Accuracy:

Vertical_Positional_Accuracy_Report: *Refer to the DRG collar for information about vertical positional accuracy.*

2.5 LINEAGE

This element contains information about how the data set was constructed, including the events, parameters, and source data.

source information - list of sources and a short discussion of the information contributed by each

source citation - reference for a source data set (includes the source citation abbreviation, originator, publication date, title, geospatial data presentation form, and publication information)

source scale denominator - the denominator of the representative fraction for the map scale

type of source media - medium of the source data set

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source time period of content - time period(s) for which the source data set corresponds to ground condition (includes single or multiple date(s)/time(s) and calendar date)

source citation abbreviation - short-form alias for the source citation

source contribution - brief statement identifying the information contributed by the source to the data set

process step - information about a single event

process description - an explanation of the event and related parameters

source used citation abbreviation - the source citation abbreviation (alias) of each data set used in the processing step

process date - the date the event was completed

2.5.1 Example

Lineage:

Source_Information:

Source_Citation:

Citation_Information:

Originator: *U.S. Geological Survey*

Publication_Date: the latest date (year or year and month) in the lower right corner under the map title (may be a photoinspection or photorevision date); format YYYY or YYYYMM

Title: the Geographic Cell Names Data Base designation for the source quadrangle

Geospatial_Data_Presentation_Form: *map*

Publication_Information:

Publication_Place: *Reston VA*

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Publisher: *U.S. Geological Survey*

Source_Scale_Denominator: use the appropriate scale denominator for the source graphic

Type_of_Source_Media: *paper*

Source_Time_Period_of_Content:

Time_Period_Information:

Single_Date/Time:

Calendar_Date: the latest date (year or year and month) under the map title (may be revision or photoinspection date); format YYYY or YYYYMM

Source_Currentness_Reference: *ground condition*

Source_Citation_Abbreviation: *MAP1*

Source_Contribution: *spatial and attribute information*

Process_Step:

Process_Description:

The production procedures, instrumentation, hardware, and software used in the collection of standard DRG products vary depending on systems used at the contract, cooperator, or USGS production sites. The majority of DRG data sets are acquired through Government partnerships and contracts. The process step describes, in general, the process used in the production of standard DRG data sets.

1. Production of a DRG begins with the scanning of a paper 7.5-minute topographic map (MAP1) on a high-resolution scanner. Scanning resolutions range from 500 to 1,000 dpi with the output file between 160-300 Mb in size.

2. Removal of screens (descreening) and color quantization to reduce the number of colors also take place during the scanning phase.

3. The raw scan file is then transformed and georeferenced using UTM coordinates of the sixteen 2.5-minute grid ticks, which are obtained using the in-house produced program COORDAT and stored in a ground control file. Those sixteen 2.5-minute

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ticks are interactively visited and assigned their respective UTM coordinates. USGS program XSHAPES4 then performs a piecewise linear rubber sheet transformation.

4. An output resolution of 2.4 meters (8.2 feet) is chosen in order to resample the file to 250 dpi.

5. The image file is converted to a TIFF image (version 6.0) and further reduced by converting the file to a run length encoded PackBit compression(type 32773).

6. The color palette of the compressed DRG is then standardized by replacing the original RGB values assigned during the scanning process with standard RGB value combinations using the TIFFREMAP program produced in-house.

7. Create the metadata file for the DRG.

8. Prior to being archived, the DRG undergoes the following quality assurance procedures:

a. The color index values of each DRG are checked to ensure that the RGB combinations are consistent with the standardized color palette.

b. All DRG files are inspected to ensure that they are geometrically consistent with normal map presentation.

c. Selected DRG's are checked to ensure that data elements in the DRG metadata file correspond to the map collar information and to the information in the associated image file.

d. Selected DRG's are checked for georeferencing accuracy by comparing the General Cartographic Transformation Package calculated value of latitude and longitude tick marks with

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corresponding tick intersections in the DRG image.

e. Transformations are checked on selected DRG's by comparing the positions of well-defined points, such as UTM grid intersections in the graphic product, with the corresponding image points in the DRG.

USGS DRG production specifications are available on request from the National Mapping Division and Mid-Continent Mapping Center by contacting:

Rolla-ESIC

U.S. Geological Survey

1400 Independence Rd., MS231

Rolla, MO 65401-2602

Phone 573 308 3577

Facsimile 573 308 3652

E-mail to esic@mcdgs01.cr.usgs.gov

World Wide Web: <http://mcmcweb.cr.usgs.gov/drg/>

Source_Used_Citation_Abbreviation: *MAP1*

Process_Date: the date (year or year and month) the DRG metadata file is created; format YYYY or YYYYMM

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3. SPATIAL DATA ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Spatial data organization information identifies the mechanism used to represent spatial information in a data set. This category of metadata describes point, vector, and raster objects. The elements dealing with direct spatial references are required. Elements dealing with indirect spatial references are applicable only to certain DLG-3 categories. Point, vector, and raster object information are considered optional in the "Content Standards for Digital Geospatial Metadata" but are used by the USGS to provide further information to data users.

3.1 DIRECT SPATIAL REFERENCE METHOD

This element defines the type of data in the data set. The raster object information supplied about the data set includes the raster object type, row, and column counts.

3.1.1 Example

Direct_Spatial_Reference_Method: *raster*

Raster_Object_Information:

Raster_Object_Type: *pixel*

Row_Count: the maximum number of pixels along the ordinate (y) axis

Column_Count: the maximum number of pixels along the abscissa (x) axis

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4. SPATIAL REFERENCE INFORMATION

Spatial reference information describes the reference frame for and the means of encoding coordinates in the data set.

4.1 HORIZONTAL COORDINATE SYSTEM DEFINITION

The horizontal coordinate system definition provides the reference frame or system from which linear or angular distances are measured to locate the position a point occupies in the data set. The element provides information about the latitude/longitude resolution, map projection, and horizontal datum.

planar - the quantities of distances, or distances and angles, that define the position of a point on a reference plane to which the surface of the Earth has been projected

grid coordinate system - a plane-rectangular coordinate system usually based on and mathematically adjusted to a map projection so that geographic positions can be readily transformed to and from plane coordinates. Systems used by the NMD include Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) and State Plane Coordinate System (SPCS) with zone identification.

planar coordinate information - information about the coordinate system developed on the planar surface

planar coordinate encoding method - the means used to represent horizontal positions; the NMD uses coordinate pairs for point and vector data and uses rows and columns for grid coordinate system data sets

coordinate representation - the method of recording the position of a point by measuring its distance from perpendicular reference axes for coordinate pairs or row and column methods; values for the abscissa and ordinate resolution are given in planar distance units of measure

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(meters for data sets in coordinate pairs and grid coordinate systems and arc-seconds for data sets in geographic coordinate systems)

planar distance units - units of measure used for distances

geodetic model - parameters for the shape of the Earth; parameters include horizontal datum name (North American Datum of 1927 or North American Datum of 1983), ellipsoid name, semi-major axis, and the denominator of the flattening ratio

4.1.1 Example

Horizontal_Coordinate_System_Definition:

Planar:

Grid_Coordinate_System:

Grid_Coordinate_System_Name: *Universal Transverse Mercator*

Universal_Transverse_Mercator:

UTM_Zone_Number: use the UTM zone for the data set

Transverse_Mercator:

Scale_Factor_at_Central_Meridian: *0.9996*

Longitude_of_Central_Meridian: use the central meridian for the zone the data set falls in

Latitude_of_Projection-Origin: *0.0*

False_Easting: *500000*

False_Northing: *0.0*

Planar_Coordinate_Information:

Planar_Coordinate_Encoding_Method: *row and column*

Coordinate_Representation: use the appropriate values

Abscissa_Resolution: *2.4* for 1:24,000 scale, *2.5* for 1:25,000 scale, *6.44* for 1:63,360 scale (Alaska), *10.1* for 1:100,000 scale, or *25.4* for 1:250,000 scale

Ordinate_Resolution: (same as *Abscissa_Resolution*)

Planar_Distance_Units: *meters*

Geodetic_Model: (use the appropriate datum)

Horizontal_Datum_Name:

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North American Datum of 1927 or North American Datum of 1983

Ellipsoid_Name: *Clarke 1866 or GRS 80*

Semi-major_Axis: *6378206.4 or 6378137.0*

Denominator_of_Flattening_Ratio: *294.98 or 298.257*

5. ENTITY AND ATTRIBUTE INFORMATION

This element provides information about the information content of the data set, including entities types, their attributes, and the domains from which attribute values can be assigned.

5.1 OVERVIEW DESCRIPTION

This element contains a summary of and citation to the detailed description of the information content of the data set. The NMD is using the summary overview description for digital products.

5.1.1 Entity and Attribute Overview

This element provides a detailed summary of the information contained in a data set, including the attribute codes and the format of the attribute code for DLG's. The summary for raster files specifies the size and range of acceptable values for the data set. For gridded data sets, this element specifies the size of the integer value and the range of acceptable values.

5.1.1.1 Example

Overview Description:

Entity_and_Attribute_Overview:

Each raster entity or pixel contains a color index from 0 through 12 referencing a color palette of RGB values from 0 through 255 in which the standard colors used in the DRG are defined.

USGS DRG Color Palette

<i>Digital Number</i>	<i>Color</i>	<i>Red</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Blue</i>
<i>0</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>255</i>	<i>255</i>	<i>255</i>

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2	Blue	0	151	164
3	Red	203	0	23
4	Brown	131	66	37
5	Green	201	234	157
6	Purple	137	51	128
7	Yellow	255	234	0
8	Light Blue	167	226	226
9	Light Red	255	184	184
10	Light Purple	218	179	214
11	Light Grey	209	209	209
12	Light Brown	207	164	142

5.1.2 Entity and Attribute Detail Citation

This element provides the name of the actual reference standard for the attribute codes and includes an FTP anonymous site Internet address if the standards are available in soft copy.

5.1.2.1 Example

Entity and Attribute Detail Citation:

*U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, 1995,
Standards for Digital Raster Graphics, Reston, Va*

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6. DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

This element provides information about the distributor and means of obtaining the data set. The NMD Data and Information Delivery activity is responsible for maintaining and updating the information in this section.

6.1 DISTRIBUTOR

This element provides information about the distributor from whom the data set can be obtained.

6.1.1 Example

Distributor:

Contact_Information:

Contact_Organization_Primary:

Contact_Organization:

Earth Science Information Center, U.S. Geological Survey

Contact_Address:

Address_Type: *mailing address*

Address: *507 National Center*

City: *Reston*

State_or_Province: *VA*

Postal_Code: *20192*

Contact_Voice_Telephone: *1 800 USA MAPS*

Contact_Voice_Telephone: *1 800 872 6277*

Contact_TDD/TDY_Telephone: *703 648 4119*

Contact_Facsimile_Telephone: *703 648 5548*

Contact_Electronic_Mail_Address: *esicmail@usgs.gov*

Hours_of_Service: *0800-1600 Monday-Friday*

Contact_Instructions:

In addition to the ESIC at the address above, there are other ESIC offices throughout the country. A full list of these offices is at

http://mapping.er.usgs.gov/esic/esic_index.html

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6.2 RESOURCE DESCRIPTION

This element gives the name by which the distributor knows the data set.

6.2.1 Example

Resource_Description: *DRG*

6.3 DISTRIBUTION LIABILITY

This element contains the statement of liability assumed by the distributor for the data set.

6.3.1 Example

Distribution_Liability:

Although these data have been processed successfully on a computer system at the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), no warranty expressed or implied is made by the USGS regarding the utility of the data on any other system, nor shall the act of distribution constitute any such warranty. The USGS will warrant the delivery of this product in computer-readable format and will offer appropriate adjustment of credit when the product is determined unreadable by correctly adjusted computer input peripherals or when the physical medium is delivered in damaged condition. Requests for adjustment of credit must be made within 90 days from the date of this shipment from the ordering site.

6.4 STANDARD ORDER PROCESS

This element details the common ways in which the data set can be obtained or received, and related instructions and fee information. It addresses data in digital form and provides digital transfer information, digital transfer option, offline and online ordering options, fees, and ordering instructions.

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6.4.1 Example

Standard_Order_Process:

Digital_Form:

Digital_Transfer_Information:

Format_Name: *TIFF*

Format_Version_Number: 6.0

File-Decompression_Technique: *PackBit*

Digital_Transfer_Option:

Offline_Option:

Offline_Media: *CD-ROM*

Recording_Format:

ISO 9660; DRG image files with corresponding metadata files

Compatibility_Information:

This CD-ROM can be used with all computer operating systems that support CD-ROM as a logical storage device.

Fees:

The online copy of the data set (when available electronically) can be accessed without charge. Fees are subject to change. Call 1-800-USA-MAPS for current prices.

Ordering_Instructions:

In the conterminous United States the DRG's are distributed in 1-degree blocks. The CD-ROM contains the sixty-four 7.5-minute quadrangles, the two 1:100,000-scale quadrangles, and the full 1:250,000-scale quadrangle in which the block occurs.

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7. METADATA REFERENCE INFORMATION

This element provides information on the currentness of the metadata information and the responsible party. The information includes metadata creation date, contact, and metadata standard and version. Metadata reference information is a mandatory element of the data set metadata.

7.1 METADATA DATE

This is the date that the metadata were created or last updated.

7.1.1 Example

Metadata_Date: the date (year and month) the data set is entered in the Sales Data Base (SDB) at EROS Data Center; format YYYYMM

7.2 METADATA CONTACT

This element provides the name of the party responsible for the metadata information.

7.2.1 Example

Metadata_Contact:

Contact_Information:

Contact_Organization_Primary:

Contact_Organization: *U.S. Geological Survey*

Contact_Address:

Address_Type: *mailing address*

Address: *1400 Independence Road*

City: *Rolla*

State_or_Province: *MO*

Postal_Code: *65401-2602*

Contact_Voice_Telephone: *573 308 3500*

Contact_Facsimile_Telephone: *573 308 3615*

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Contact_TTD/TTY_Telephone: 573 308 2716

Contact_Electronic_Mail_Address: *esic@mcdgs01.cr.usgs.gov*

7.3 METADATA STANDARD NAME

This element always refers to the FGDC standard in use at the time the data set metadata was created.

7.3.1 Example

Metadata_Standard_Name:

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7.4 METADATA STANDARD VERSION

This element is the version of the FGDC standard in use at the time the metadata was created.

7.4.1 Example

Metadata_Standard_Version: 19940608