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Conversion of CONSER Encoding Level 4 Records

In anticipation of the implementation of the new CONSER standard record and in order to effect consistency in the coding of what are considered full level records in the CONSER database, CDS will be redistributing CONSER serial records that were previously coded as encoding level 4 as encoding level "blank." There will be no changes in the data in the reissued records other than the encoding level. Use of encoding level 4 has been discontinued in CONSER records.

Approximately 15,000 records are being reissued, over two distribution cycles. Subscribers should anticipate receiving the converted records in MDS–Serials, vol. 35, no. 5 & no. 6.

Background information on the decision to discontinue use of encoding level 4 in favor of encoding level blank is available from: http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/authcodes_finalreport.pdf.

Background on the CONSER standard record and its goals is available from: <http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/issues.html#standard-rec>.

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