

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and  
Director of the United States Patent & Trademark Office  
Attn: Ronald Hack - Acting Chief Information Officer  
Washington, DC 20231

Re: Docket Number 010126025-1025-01  
RIN 0651-AB34

Title: Notice of request for Comments on Development of a plan to remove the  
Patent and Trademark Classification Paper Files From the Public Search  
Facilities

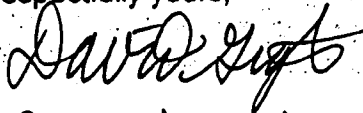
Dear Sir:

As requested, I am responding to your request published in the August 27, 2001  
Official Gazette.

Replacing the paper files with electronic files is fine as long as a paper backup in  
class and subclass order is maintained. Too many times the electronic database  
system is off line for either a number of hours or a number of days. This would  
present a problem when an individual attempts to perform a search in the  
USPTO's public search library. In this day and age of hackers and viruses, I feel  
the electronic system will become more vulnerable to such events and a paper  
backup is the only option.

To recap, while I do support the action of creating and maintaining a state-of-the-  
art electronic system, I think it would be in everyone's best interest to maintain a  
paper backup just as you have for so many years.

Respectfully yours,



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