

CARRP

Deconfliction, Internal and External Vetting and Adjudication of NS Concerns



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ENABLING PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE (EPOs)

- EPO #1: Discuss the purpose of deconfliction and the importance of coordination with law enforcement/record owners.
- EPO #2: Discuss the purpose of internal vetting and identify various tools and techniques used.
- EPO #3: Discuss the purpose of external vetting and the roles and responsibilities of external vetting KSTs and non-KSTs.
- EPO#4: Apply USCIS policies in adjudicating applications or petitions in cases involving national security concerns.
- EPO #5: Identify standards for documenting deconfliction and vetting activities.
- EPO#6: Identify Information Sharing & Confidentiality Rules and Provisions



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RECAP: Controlled Application Review & Resolution Program (CARRP)- Four Stages

1. Identify NS Concern
2. Eligibility Assessment/Internal Vetting
3. External Vetting
4. Final Adjudication

***Deconfliction

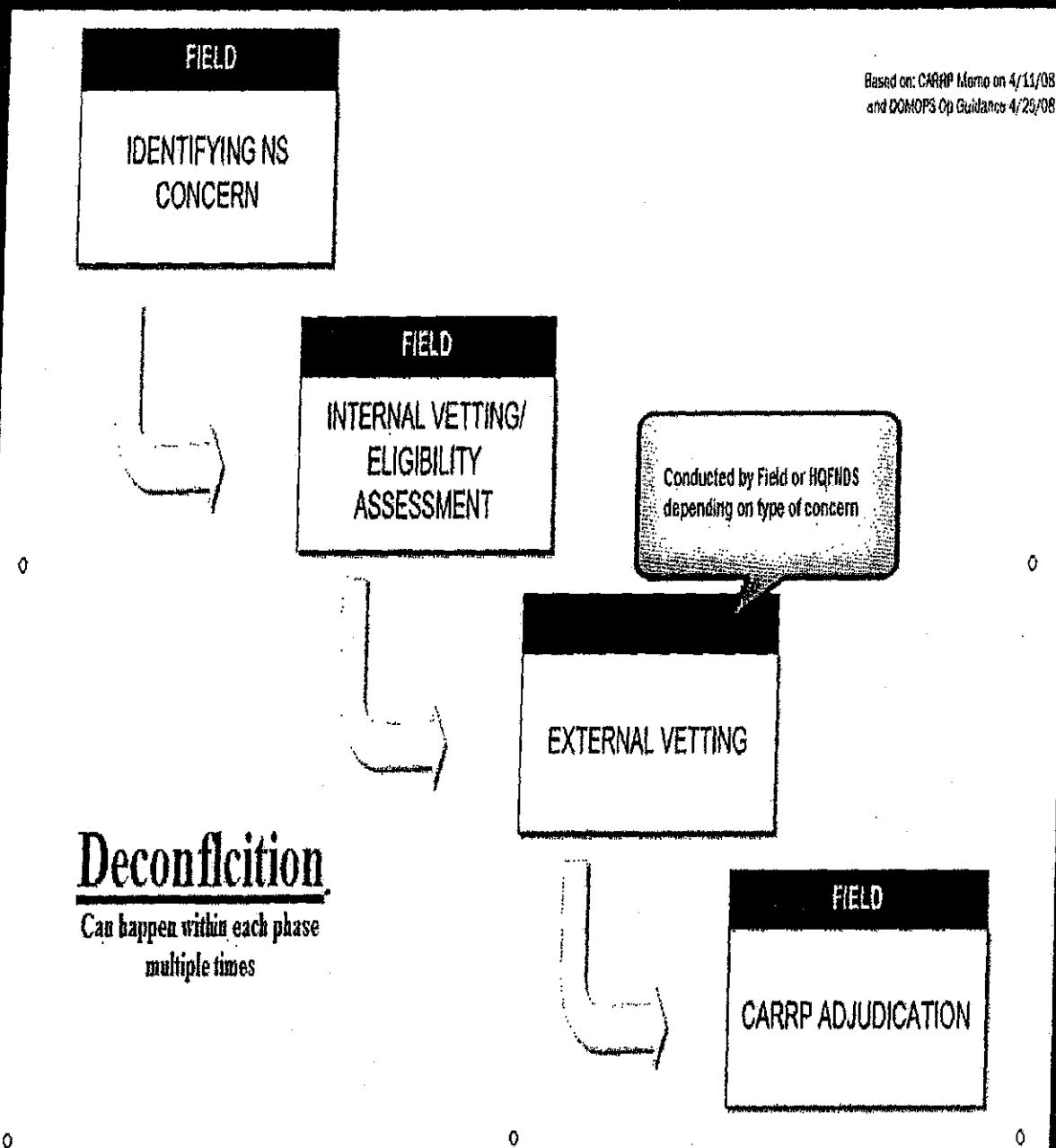


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Deconfliction



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DECONFLICITION

DECONFLICITION VIDEO



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FDNS Immigration Officers

- Primary liaison officers and points of contact (POC) for law enforcement and intelligence agencies
- All coordination with the Intelligence Community is conducted through HQFDNS.
- For CARRP, Background Check Unit (BCU) Officers have been designated to coordinate with law enforcement.
- Note: Local management certainly has the discretion to engage additional personnel in this capacity, as the intent is to maximize communication and cooperation, not impede it.



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Deconfliction

- Coordination between USCIS and another governmental agency owner of NS information
- To ensure that planned adjudicative activities do not compromise or impede an ongoing investigation or other record owner interest.
 - Interview
 - Request for Evidence
 - Site visit
 - Decision to grant or deny a benefit



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Deconfliction

- Ensures that record owner is aware that the individual has a benefit pending with USCIS
- Provides USCIS with opportunity to ask about
 - Aliases;
 - Family relationships;
 - Residence within or outside the U.S.;
 - Membership or involvement with organizations;
 - Military Training; and
 - Foreign Travel.



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Deconfliction

- Provides USCIS with opportunity to ask about criminal activity to include fraud and immigration violations
 - For which he/she was arrested or detained
 - or which he/she has been charged;
 - For which he/she will be charged; and
 - For which he/she will not be charged (i.e., not relevant to the current criminal investigation)



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Deconfliction

- Preparing for RFE, Interview or Site Visit
 - Also provides record owner with opportunity to submit questions
 - Must be material to benefit sought
- Following receipt of additional information/evidence
 - Also provides record owner with the opportunity to consider additional information that may inform further action or investigation of the case
- Preparing for Decision
 - Also provides record owner with the opportunity to comment on decision



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Deconfliction - Guidance

Request by Law Enforcement Agency for Abeyance or Expedited Processing during Deconfliction -

- Designated officers in receipt of LEA requests to grant, deny or place in abeyance the issuance of immigration benefits must refer the request to the USCIS chain of command.
- Request must be in writing, in accordance with the Operational Guidance.
- Designated officer must prepare a written recommendation to Field Director requesting to place the case in abeyance or for expedited processing.
- On a case-by-case basis, the Field Director will determine whether the request comports with the requirements for abeyance (8 CFR 103.2(b)(18)) or warrants expedited processing.



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Deconfliction - Guidance

- Case will be held in abeyance for 180 days or until the investigation is completed, whichever is sooner.
 - If closed and there is still a nexus to NS – Document file and FDNS-DS and proceed with External Vetting (advising the LEA/record owner that USCIS will continue the process to adjudicate the application)
 - If closed and no other NS Concerns- A-file and FDNS-DS is updated and case is returned for routine adjudication.
 - If still OPEN – Request a current formal abeyance and re-submit to the District Director for review.
 - The withholding of adjudication period may be extended further.

For more information see: *Additional Guidance on Issues Concerning Vetting and Adjudication of Cases Involving NS Concerns* pg. 7-8 and 8 CFR 103.2(b)(8)



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QUESTIONS?

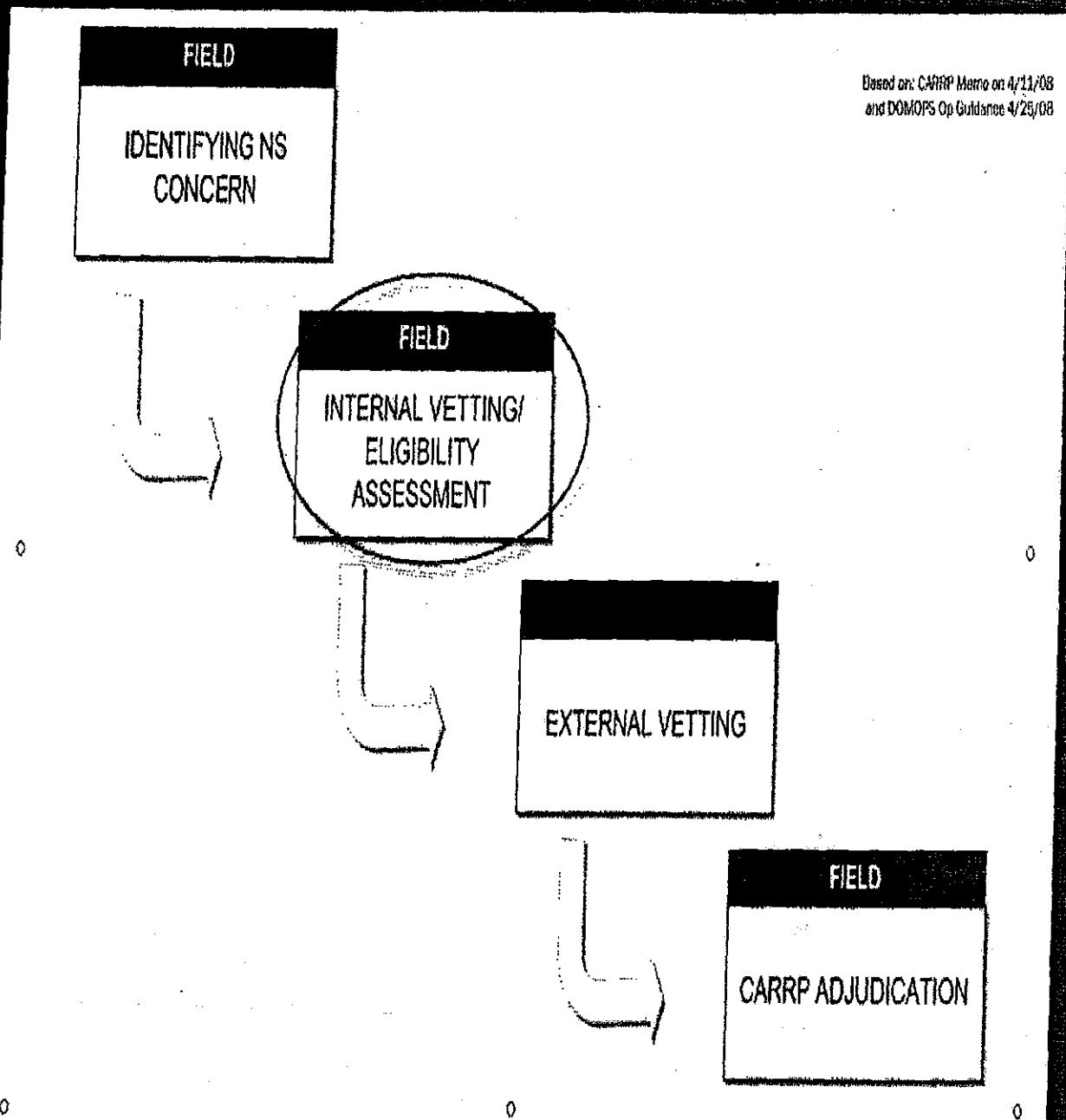


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EPO #4: Identify the process for internal vetting of cases involving national security concerns.



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Things to consider during review of case

- Look at whole picture and from multiple angles.
- Review every page of application/petition.
- Review G-325 for completeness.
- Review Security Checks results, review them for relevance to applicant.
- Look for consistency in testimony and documentation to establish credibility.
- Clearly document changes made to the application or petition during the interview.
- Ask questions in the same order.
- Ensure that all biographical data is current and accurate to include current contact information.



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Internal Vetting/Eligibility Assessment- cont'd

- Consider: *What do Designated Officers Need?*
- Information regarding eligibility, admissibility, credibility
 - Inconsistencies
 - Misrepresentation and fraud
 - Illegal, suspect or unusual activity
 - Civil infractions
 - Unexplained financial activities
- What systems will need to be checked?
- For Official Use Only (FOUO)/Law Enforcement Sensitive information cannot be disclosed without permission from the record owner
- Classified information cannot be disclosed



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Biographical Information

- Aliases, various spellings, maiden names
- Marital status
- Children
- Location of family members
 - Immediate
 - Siblings, parents, ex-spouses



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Immigration History

- Dates of and status at entry
- Purpose of stay
- Type of visa
- Applications/petition filings
- Previous denials
- Suspected immigration fraud

DAG 50-1015-003 (Rev. 10-7-25)	
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status	
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Part 1. Information about you.	Related
	Relative
First Name: <u>John</u> Middle Name: <u>Smith</u>	Spouse
Surname: <u>Smith</u>	Child
Address/City:	
Street Number: <u>1234 Main Street</u>	Apartment Number: <u>1003</u>
City: <u>Los Angeles</u>	Zip Code: <u>90001</u>
State: <u>CA</u>	Country: <u>United States</u>
Date of Birth: <u>05/15/1980</u>	Country of Birth: <u>Nigeria</u>
SSN: <u>123-45-6789</u>	Country of Citizenship: <u>Nigeria</u>
U.S. Social Security #: <u>123-45-6789</u>	Alienage: <u>Non-U.S. Citizen</u>
Date of Last Arrival: <u>08/08/1997</u>	Case Number: <u>I-13456789</u>
Current USCIS Status: <u>F-1</u>	Entered on: <u>08/08/1997</u> Case Type: <u>Nonimmigrant</u>
Part 2. Application type. (check one)	
I am applying for an adjustment to permanent resident status because:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> my immigrant relative (my spouse or child) has been approved. (Attach a copy of the approval notice or a Notice of Approval of Immigrant Relative Visa Petition filed with the application that will give you an immediately available visa number, if approved.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> my spouse or parent applied for adjustment of status or was granted an adjustment of status in an immigrant visa category that allows derivative status for spouses and children.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I entered in a K-1 Fiance(e) of a United States citizen whom I married within 90 days of entry, or I had the K-2 child of such a Fiance(e). (Attach a copy of the fiancé(e) petition approved notice and the marriage certificate.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> I was granted temporary or derivative residency status as the spouse or child of a person granted authority and privilege for adjustment.	
Source of Law:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sec. 101(a)(31), INA	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sec. 101(a)(31)(B), INA	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sec. 101(a)(31), INA	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sec. 101(a)(31)(A), INA	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sec. 101(a)(31)(B), INA	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sec. 101(a)(31)(C), INA	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
Country of Birth:	



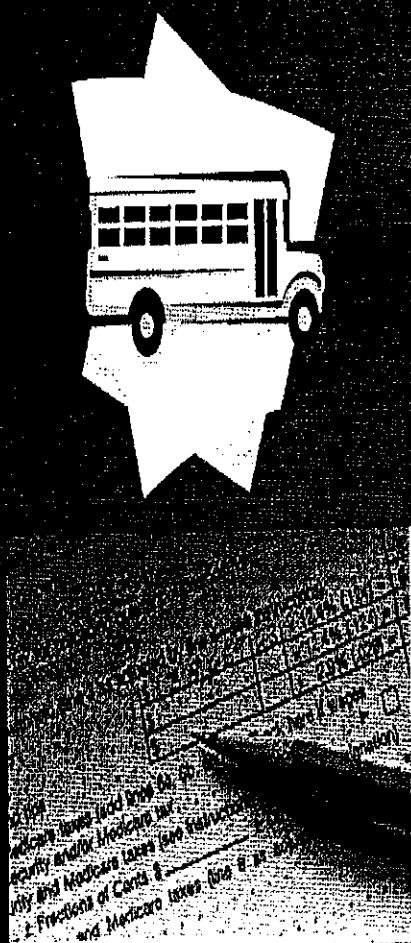
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Education & Employment

- Education
 - Institutions
 - Degrees
- Work history
 - Current and past occupation
 - Business or professional licenses
 - Tax information/sources of income
 - Business associates



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Address History

- Immigration forms

- Taxes

- School Records

- Outside sources

- Check for roommates

U.S. Citizen's Address and Birth Date		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Employee Identification Number	14 Month
Date of Birth (mm dd yyyy)		
Address (Street, City, State, Zip)		

W-2 Wage and Tax Statement
Copy A for Social Security Administration - See
and pay off from W-2 to Social Security

OMB No. 1655-0006; Exp. 01-31-09
G-325, Biographic Information

(First Name)	(First Name)	(Middle Name)	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	Birth Date (mm dd yyyy)	Citizenship/Nationality	File Number	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Female			A	
All Other Names Used (including names by previous marriage)					City and Country of Birth	U.S. Social Security # (if any)	
Family Name		First Name	Date, City and Country of Birth /Name of spouse		City and Country of Residence		
Father	Mother						
(Middle Name)							
Student or Wife (Name, Family Name of child)		First Name	Birth Date (mm dd yyyy)	City and Country of Birth	Date of Marriage	Date of Marriage	
Parent/Guardian or Wife/Girlfriend, Family Name (first name, middle name)		First Name	Birth Date (mm dd yyyy)	City and Place of Marriage	Date and Place of Termination of Marriage		
Applicant's residence last five years. List present address first.						From	To
Street and Number	City	Province or State	Country	Month	Year	Month	Year
							Present Time
Applicant's last address outside the United States of more than one year.						From	To
Street and Number	City	Province or State	Country	Month	Year	Month	Year
Applicant's employment last five years. (If none, so state.) List present employment first.						From	To
Full Name and Address of Employer	Occupation (Specify)		Month	Year	Month	Year	



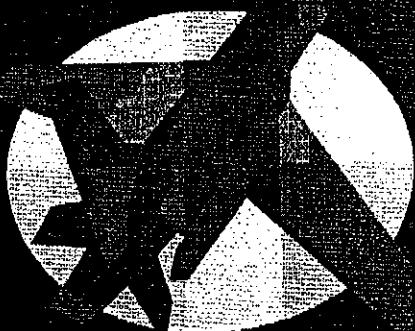
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Military History

- Dates
- Rank
- Military training
- Active combat
- Compulsory service
- Weapons training
- Flight training



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Membership in Groups

- Position in group?
- Solicit funds?
- Speak on behalf of group?
- Voluntary or automatic?
- Clubs, Unions, or Organizations
 - Political
 - Social
 - Religious
 - Professional
 - Educational



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Travel

- Frequency and length of trips
- Reason for each trip
- Countries of interest
- Travel companions
- Taking money overseas for self or others
- Travel documents used
- Contacts



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