

Geospatial Data Appraisal Questions

How do the records fit within the scope of your Mission or Collection Policy?

How significant, different or unique are the records to the geospatial data user community?

Does the data support the study of changes over time? Explain.

How can the records [Authenticity](#) be judged, i.e. how are the records considered to be authentic? (ISO 15489-1:2001(E)) Reference lineage and provenance history.

How can the records [Reliability](#) be assessed? (ISO 15489-1:2001(E))

How can the records [Integrity](#) can be determined. (ISO 15489-1:2001(E))

How are the records [Usability](#) conducive to our anticipated exploitation of the information value in the records? (ISO 15489-1:2001(E)) Note any exclusive use periods and/or sunset dates when the collection would become Public Domain.

What are the physical, intellectual, or legal barriers in making the records accessible?

What is the spatial area covered by the collection, e.g. Minnehaha County, State of Minnesota, North 35-45 degrees Latitude by West 75-105 Longitude, conterminous U.S., the continent of Africa?

What is the temporal range(s) the collection spans, e.g. 1939-1973, calendar year 1999, March-July of years 1988 through 2004?

Does the collection represent a complete population or a statistically valid sample? If the collection is not complete, describe what is missing.

Who created the records and for what purpose, noting whom else in the past has owned this collection and who is considered the current owner, i.e. detail the lineage and provenance of the collection?

What media are the records stored on, e.g. polyester film, acetate film, nitrate film, 8mm tapes, 9-track tapes, CDs, DVDs?

Describe the size of the collection in terms of volume, boxes, pallets, tapes, canisters, etc.

What order, level of processing and/or format, especially noting proprietary ones, are the records currently in?

Detail the amount, quality, level and availability of metadata describing this collection.

What funding source has been identified to sponsor any costs associated with acquiring, preserving, and making the records accessible?