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Clerk, U.S. District and
Bankruptcy Courts**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

IN RE: PROCEDURES FOR ACCESS
AND MANAGEMENT OF RESTRICTED
DOCUMENTS

Standing Order No. 25-49

Chief Judge James E. Boasberg

ORDER

A recent escalation in cyberattacks on the CM/ECF systems of federal courts requires the implementation of new procedures for the storage and management of confidential documents filed in CM/ECF to which public access is restricted. Restricted documents include sealed and *ex parte* filings.


Accordingly, effective immediately and until such time as the Court orders otherwise, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. Electronic Access to Restricted Documents. Restricted documents will continue to be filed in CM/ECF under existing procedures but will no longer be accessible or viewable by electronic means, even by a party or person with a right of access.
2. Copies of Restricted Documents. Because restricted documents filed in CM/ECF are no longer accessible or viewable electronically, a party or person authorized to receive a copy of a restricted document will receive such a copy in paper form.

3. Service of Restricted Documents Filed in CM/ECF. Because restricted documents filed in CM/ECF are no longer accessible or viewable electronically, service of those documents can no longer be accomplished through CM/ECF. The Court will serve restricted documents by other appropriate means as provided by the Federal Rules of Procedure.
4. Highly Sensitive Documents (HSDs). Sealed documents that are defined as HSDs will continue to be subject to the Court's HSD procedures, available here: <https://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/sites/dcd/files/HSDexternal.pdf>.
5. Questions about Restricted Document Procedures. Any questions about the filing of and access to restricted documents should be directed to the Clerk's Office at ecf_login@dcd.uscourts.gov or (202) 354-3166.

To the extent any provisions of this Order are inconsistent with prior orders of this Court, memoranda of understanding, CM/ECF procedure manuals, or this Court's Local Rules, this Order shall take precedence.

SO ORDERED, this 22nd day of September 2025.


James E. Boasberg
Chief Judge