

**FOIA UPDATE – Classified National Security Information**

Executive Order 13292 amends Executive Order 12958. This order prescribes a uniform system for classifying, safeguarding, and declassifying national security information, including information relative to defense against transnational terrorism. This executive order is relevant to the application of the (b)1 exemption under the FOIA which protects national security information pertaining to national defense or foreign policy from disclosure. In order for the exemption to apply, the information must be properly classified in accordance with the substantive and procedural requirements of this executive order.