
STATEMENT ON PCLOB REVIEW OF THE REDRESS MECHANISM ESTABLISHED BY
SECTION 3 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 14086

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Executive Order 14086, *Enhancing Safeguards for United States Signals Intelligence Activities* (E.O. 14086 or “Executive Order”), established government-wide safeguards for U.S. signals intelligence activities consistent with the protection of privacy and civil liberties for all persons, regardless of nationality or place of residence.¹ On September 25, 2025, the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (PCLOB) issued its report on the *Review of Policies and Procedures Implementing Enhanced Safeguards for U.S. Signals Intelligence Activities*, in accordance with Section 2 of E.O. 14086.²

Section 3 of the Executive Order created a “redress mechanism to review qualifying complaints transmitted by the appropriate public authority in a qualifying state concerning United States signals intelligence activities for any covered violation of United States law and, if necessary, appropriate remediation.”³ Qualifying complaints are investigated by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) Civil Liberties Protection Officer (CLPO) to determine whether a covered violation occurred and, if necessary, to determine the appropriate remediation. The CLPO’s decisions are subject to review by the Data Protection Review Court.⁴

Section 3 of E.O. 14086 encouraged PCLOB to conduct an annual review of the processing of qualifying complaints by the redress mechanism, to report on the results of any such review within 30 days of its completion, and to make an annual public certification as to whether the redress mechanism is processing complaints consistent with the Executive Order.⁵

The redress mechanism became operational on July 10, 2023. The ODNI CLPO has recently informed PCLOB that it has received one qualifying complaint and is in the process of adjudicating the complaint. Because the complaint is currently pending, PCLOB is not yet able to review the processing of qualifying complaints by the redress mechanism or publicly certify whether the redress mechanism is processing complaints consistent with the Executive Order.

Last year, PCLOB issued a statement expressing our intent to issue a report in 2025 focusing on the redress procedures in the event that there were no qualifying complaints. Because there is now a qualifying complaint, PCLOB intends to publish the results of its redress review consistent with Section 3(e)(i) of the Executive Order as soon as practicable upon completion of the redress process.

¹ See generally Exec. Order No. 14086, 87 Fed. Reg. 62283 (Oct. 7, 2022).

² See Priv. and C.L. Oversight Bd., *Review of Policies and Procedures Implementing Enhanced Safeguards for U.S. Signals Intelligence Activities*, Staff Report (2025), <https://documents.pclob.gov/prod/Documents/OversightReport/b986a1dc-1e65-431d-bd05-aec4fba89a1f/PCLOB%20Review%20Of%20Policies%20and%20Procedures%20US%20Signals%20Intelligence%20Activites%20-%20Completed%20508%20-%20September%2029,%202025.pdf>.

³ Exec. Order No. 14086, 87 Fed. Reg. 62283 (Oct. 7, 2022), § 3(a).

⁴ *Id.* § 3(d).

⁵ *Id.* § 3(e).