



TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM · ASPC-TM-023

Government Source Verification Protocol

What checks should occur before a government source supports an ASPC claim?

EVIDENCE-INFORMED ASPC ANALYSIS

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Status, question and scope

ASPC RESEARCH SYNTHESIS.

Research question

What checks should occur before a government source supports an ASPC claim?

Scope

Official publication does not remove the need to understand status, authorship, date, method, scope and later revision.

Evidence cutoff: August 21, 2026. Government findings, agency-reported information and ASPC analysis are distinguished throughout.

Key findings

The reviewed sources support the following bounded findings.

- CRS product pages expose product number, type, date, author, topics, status, text and version information.
- GAO report pages expose scope, methodology, findings, recommendations and current implementation status.
- Agency reports may accurately describe agency methods or portfolios while remaining agency-reported rather than external evaluation.

Findings are paraphrased from the cited official records. Source scope and date remain controlling.

ASPC application and limitations

Proposed application

- Prefer the official product page and accessible report over search summaries or secondary quotations.
- Capture identifier, title, issuing body, publication date, revision status, access date and stable URL.
- Check whether a figure is current, historical, projected, estimated or agency-reported before drafting.

Limitations

- Link availability and agency content can change; source registers require scheduled review.

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