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Clerk, U.S. District Court
District of Montana
Missoula DivisionIN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANAIN RE:
PROCEDURES FOR ACCESS AND
MANAGEMENT OF SEALED
DOCUMENTS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 25-14

WHEREAS 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 sealed documents;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective as of the date of this order and until such time as the court orders otherwise,

1. Electronic Access to Sealed Documents. Sealed documents will continue to be filed in CM/ECF under existing procedures but will no longer be accessible or viewable by electronic means.

2. Service of Sealed Documents Filed in CM/ECF. Because sealed documents filed in CM/ECF are no longer accessible or viewable electronically, service of those documents can no longer be accomplished through CM/ECF. A filing party must serve sealed documents by other appropriate means as provided by the Federal Rules of Procedure. An appropriate certificate of service must be filed. The court will serve court-issued sealed documents in paper by mail.

3. Additional Copies of Sealed Documents. Because sealed documents filed in CM/ECF are no longer accessible or viewable electronically, a party with the right to access a sealed document in a case who requires a copy of a sealed document will have to contact the clerk's office to request a paper copy.

4. Highly Sensitive Documents (HSDs). Sealed documents that are defined as HSDs will continue to be subject to the court's HSD procedures (See [Local Rule 5.2\(h\)](#)).

5. Questions about Sealed Document Procedures. Any questions about the filing of and access to sealed documents should be directed to the clerk's office's CM/ECF Help Desk (866) 463-4052.

This Order supersedes any inconsistent prior court orders, CM/ECF procedure manuals, and local rules.

DATED this 24th day of September, 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Brian Morris", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Brian Morris, Chief Judge
United States District Court