

AN INTERIM PROPOSED STANDARD FOR
DIGITAL CARTOGRAPHIC TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

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Abstract

The National Committee for Digital Cartographic Data Standards has made considerable progress in establishing uniform definitions for approximately fifty key terms which are used in the proposed Interim Standards for Digital Cartographic Data. The approval process, specified in the National Standards Institute guidelines, requires a formal ballot vote and comment by members of the NCDCCDS Steering Committee. This paper deals with the "push and shove" debate to resolve the formidable body of sometimes ambiguous input collected from committee members, from recent literature and from public comment, and our procedure to state these key terms and definitions in clear notation consistent with our goal of maintaining majority opinion in the Glossary.

The paper will be presented by the Co-chairmen of the Working Group on Terms and Definitions in two parts: (1) General Terms and (2) Cartographic Objects.