

## Technology Policies, Standards, and Procedures Policy Background

**New, Update or Sunset Review?** Sunset Review

**What due diligence was conducted to determine the content of this policy/standard? If this is an update or sunset review, provide information as to what changes were made, if any, as well as reasons behind the policy/standard content.**

A cross-agency workgroup made recommended changes to the current policy. We added procedures to the document types that may be found with technology policies, standards, and guidelines. The update also names the Technology Service Board (TSB) Security Subcommittee, added clarity on when we can adopt policies in the process, and clarified exceptions to the full process.

**What is the business case for the policy?**

This policy governs how our policies are structured & governed. This ensures we create policies that work together to support all the aspects of Business IT.

**What are the key objectives of the policy?**

- Overall rules guiding documents outlining rules and requirements will be clear.
- Governance for all types of documents is clear.

**How does policy/standard promote or support alignment with strategies?**

This policy supports WaTech Strategic Goal 1: Champion Governance and Accountability. By having clear rules and processes for creating rules, we can have more transparency and accountability.

**What are the implementation considerations?**

WaTech will need to be clear in communications regarding the governance process. Agencies should find it easier to submit waiver requests to WaTech.

**How will we know if the policy is successful?**

- **Specific:** Agencies will participate in governance processes for creating and maintaining policy documents.
- **Measurable:** Policies and standards will be maintained in a regular fashion.
- **Achievable:** Policies will represent a coherent structure.
- **Relevant:** The policy governing policies is foundational for all other policies.
- **Equitable:** All agencies are affected by the policy governance. We added a requirement to consider equity and using person-first/non-gendered language when drafting policies and standards.