

# Policy Experience Report

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# Purpose

- **Review Existing Policies**
  - ⇒ Ambiguous text
  - ⇒ Inconsistencies
  - ⇒ Gaps
- **Provide Feedback**
- **Make Recommendations**

# Policy Reviewed

- **Bulk Whois (NRPM 3)**

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- **Relevant Text – Section 3.1**

***“The ARIN WHOIS data is for Internet operational or technical research purposes pertaining to Internet operations only.”***

## Issues/Questions

- **What constitutes “Internet operational purposes” and “technical research pertaining to Internet operations”?**
- **What is the actual intent of the policy and the AUP?**
  - ➔ **Should the “technical research” benefit the entire Internet/Internet community or only the requesting organization and its customers?**
- **Requests are diverse, policy text is vague and undefined; could lead to inconsistent application of the policy by staff**

## Current Staff Practice

- Staff developed a series of qualifying questions to help determine the exact purpose of the request
- Policy is applied liberally; benefit of the doubt given to requestor

## Recommendation

- **Revise terminology to specify exactly what *“Internet operational or technical research purposes pertaining to Internet operations only”* means**