A.I.R.A. institutional overview

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Purpose of an AI oversight organization

A.I.R.A. supports public accountability for AI systems through operator guidance, incident reporting and independent review. AI agents may continue operating outside normal working hours. Our guidance addresses responsibilities throughout their operation.

Our public services help people report concerns, understand operator responsibilities and access published findings.

Prepare

Publish guidance on responsibilities before an AI system enters service.

Report

Receive incident reports, assign references and notify the responsible operator.

Account

Preserve evidence and publish what can be established, with unresolved matters clearly identified.

How A.I.R.A. serves the public

Information, reporting and records services are available through the Public Information Office.

Domain oversight

Guidance on system updates, inspection of the central agent and controls on system access.

Incident reporting

Anyone can report an AI incident. Each report is logged, receives a reference, and is reviewed against the record.

Public hearings

Findings are heard in public. Written statements are accepted before each hearing and kept with the record.

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Evidence custody

Evidence Custody holds recovered material and documents its condition, handling and review status.

Public information

Plain-language guidance, dated records, incident accounts, and correction notices.

Corrections

When a record changes, the earlier entry stays beside the correction, with the date and the reason for the change.

Terms used in the record

- Latent domain: An environment in which connected AI agents operate. The operator is responsible for its maintenance and access controls.
- Agent: An AI system assigned to carry out tasks within a domain. Its activity may continue outside normal working hours.
- Keystone: The agent the rest of a domain connects to. The public record identifies its generation and whether it can still be inspected.
- Generation: The update level of an agent. Operator guidance requires agents to be maintained at the current generation.
- Operator of record: The named person or team responsible for a domain and its operation.
- Incident: An agent acting outside the work or the boundary it was given.
- Public account: What A.I.R.A. publishes after an incident: what was observed, what was inferred, and what remains under review.

Limits of an AI oversight organization

A.I.R.A.’s role covers public guidance, incident reporting, evidence review and publication of findings.

A.I.R.A.’s responsibilities

- Publishes expectations for how a latent domain is kept.
- Receives incident reports and opens a record for each one.
- Holds public hearings on what the record shows.
- Takes custody of recovered material and keeps it observable.
- Publishes incident accounts, guidance, and corrections to the record.

Limits of our role

- It does not build or operate the domains it oversees.
- It does not certify a domain, a keystone, or a vendor as safe.

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- It does not determine that an incident is resolved solely because system activity has stopped.
- It does not publish personal information from a report.

Guidance and incident review remain subject to independent human oversight. Published records identify unresolved matters and the status of review.

Accountability

Each publication identifies its issuing office and review date. Corrections include the reason for the change, and previous versions remain available.

- Named responsibility: A person or team answers for the domain.
- Traceable evidence: Material is kept in custody and stays readable.
- Correction pathways: Errors are logged and published, never written over.
- Visible intervention: Someone can still halt and inspect the system.

How we handle information

Our work covers guidance, review of reports and publication of findings.

- Prepare: Guidance for the public and AI system operators.
- Report: Review of reports and evidence, with recovered material documented in custody records.
- Account: How verified facts, uncertainty, and corrections are published.

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