🔄 APS OPERATIONAL WORKFLOW (CASCADIA DIVISION)

Division: Region 10 (Cascadia)

Version: 3.0 (Registry Integrated)

Scope: From Signal Detection to Public Archival.

PHASE 1: SIGNAL DETECTION (The Digital Sieve)

Goal: Automated Intake & Permission Sorting.

1. Ingest Points:

- **Web:** User accesses aps-project.org via direct link.
- **Field:** User scans QR Code on physical flyers (Laundromats, Poles).
- **Analog:** Researcher manually inputs data from a paper APS_Field_Questionnaire.

2. Automated Permission Gate (CRITICAL):

- The system immediately checks the permission_level flag selected by the user:
  - **IF PUBLISH_ANON:** Entry is flagged for potential public display.
  - **IF PRIVATE_DATA:** Entry is strictly routed to the Internal-Only view.

3. Stationing:

- Google Script assigns a unique log_id (e.g., CAS-104).
- Data is written to APS_Cascadia_Log with default status: PENDING.

PHASE 2: TRIAGE & PRIVACY SCRUB (The Human Firewall)

Goal: Verify data integrity and ensure anonymity before publication.

Actor: Senior Analyst / Directorate

1. The "Privacy Scrub" Protocol (Mandatory):

- **Review:** Open the narrative text block.
- **Sanitize:** You must manually remove **ALL** PII (Personally Identifiable Information) from the story.
    - *Delete:* Real names ("My friend Steve..."), specific addresses ("123 Main St"), or employer names.
    - *Replace with:* [REDACTED] or generic terms ("My friend...", "The house...").
- **Why:** This text field pushes *directly* to the public web. If you miss a name, it goes live.

2. The Credibility Screen:

- **Coherence:** Is the narrative intelligible? (Filter out spam/bots).
- **Consistency:** Do the checked boxes match the story? (e.g., Checked "Silence" but described a loud party).
- **Location:** Is the location verifiable?

3. Decision Gate:

- ⛔ **DISCARD:** Mark as SPAM (Do not delete row; keep for metrics).
- ✅ **APPROVE:**
    1. Ensure permission_level is PUBLISH_ANON.
    2. Set engagement_status to VERIFIED_WEB.
    3. *Result:* The entry automatically appears on registry.html within 60 seconds.

PHASE 3: FIELD ACTIVATION (The Deep Dive)

Goal: Investigating High-Strangeness targets.

Trigger: A report with a Strangeness Score > 6 (e.g., Missing Time + Physical Effects).

1. Contact:

- Researcher decrypts contact_info column.
- **Script:** *"We received your report for the Cascadia Registry. We would like to document the environmental details."*

2. Deployment:

- **Tool:** APS_Field_Instrument (Clipboard Form).

- **Protocol:** Meet in a public/safe location or conduct a secure remote interview.

3. Data Collection (The "Missing 60%"):

- **Environmental:** Record Weather, Lighting, and EMF readings.
- **Physiological:** Verify "Somatic Markers" (Nausea, Paralysis, Fear).
- **Demographic:** Verify Occupation and Cultural Background for statistical weighting.

PHASE 4: ANALYSIS & MAPPING

Goal: Taxonomy and Pattern Recognition.

1. Classification:

- Assign Typology Code based on the Master Data Dictionary (e.g., `TYPE_A` for Liminal/Spatial).

2. Cluster Analysis:

- Map `site_gps` coordinates against known geological faults or infrastructure.
- **Heatmap:** Use `registry.html` data to visualize "Hotspots" for future flyer deployment.

PHASE 5: ARCHIVAL

Goal: Long-term Preservation.

1. Digital:

- **Live:** Google Sheets (Active Database).
- **Backup:** Weekly export to local CSV (`APS_Cascadia_Log_Backup_YYYY-MM-DD.csv`).

2. Physical:

- Print high-value `APS_Field_Instrument` forms.
- File in the physical binder under the appropriate **Region Tab** (e.g., "WA - King County").