📖 APS: Master Data Dictionary & Coding Instrument

Version: 3.1 (Merged Golden Master)

Status: ACTIVE

Scope: Cascadia Division (Region 10)

1. METADATA & SYSTEM LOGS

System-generated fields used for indexing.

Variable	Definition	Data Type	Notes
log_id	Unique Entry ID.	String	CAS-001 (Auto-Gen)
timestamp	Date/Time of submission.	DateTime	YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS

2. RESPONDENT PROFILE (Demographics)

Variable	Coding Key / Allowed Values
age_group	1 (<18), 2 (18-24), 3 (25-34), 4 (35-44), 5 (45-54), 6 (55-64), 7 (65+)
gender	M, F, NB, O, P (Prefer not to say).
location_state	WA, OR, ID, BC, AK_SE, NORCAL_JEFF, OTHER
cultural_bg	Open Text (Primary cultural background).
occupation	Open Text (Profession/Job Title).

worldview	REL (Religious), AGN (Agnostic), SPI (Spiritual), SIM (Sim/Quantum), UNK (Undecided).

3. MEDIA PRIMING (Analyst Assessment)

Binary Flags: 0 = No, 1 = Yes.

Variable	Definition
med_digital	Consumes online high strangeness (Reddit, TikTok).
med_trad	Consumes traditional paranormal media (TV, Movies).
med_sim	Consumes Simulation Theory / Quantum Mysticism content.
med_scifi	Consumes Sci-Fi or Horror media.
med_naive	Naive Subject (No significant prior engagement).

4. THE EVENT & PHENOMENOLOGY

The core anomaly data.

Variable	Definition / Coding Key
narrative	Full verbatim account.
location_specific	Detailed text description of site.
witness_status	ALONE, WITNESS_1 (Dyad), WITNESS_GROUP, UNCERTAIN
social_ctx	*(Legacy)* SOLO, PASSIVE, SHARED.

4a. PHENOMENOLOGY CHECKLIST (New Digital Intake)

Binary Flags: YES / NO (Default: NO)

Variable	Definition

phenom_silence	Sudden unnatural silence ("The Oz Factor").
phenom_hum	Low-frequency mechanical hum.
phenom_time	Missing Time / Temporal Distortion.
phenom_nausea	Physical sickness or vertigo.
phenom_paralysis	Sleep Paralysis.
phenom_tech	Battery drain, camera glitch, car stalling.
phenom_ozone	Smell of sulfur, ozone, or electrical fire.
phenom_fear	Sudden irrational dread.

4b. CONSCIOUSNESS & REALITY TESTING (Legacy)

Variable	Coding Key
cons_state	AWAKE (Active), AUTO (Zone-out), HYP_G (Falling asleep), HYP_P (Waking), ALT (Intoxicated).
test_method	Description of how they tested reality (e.g., "Pinched self").
vis_type	SHADOW, SOLID, LIGHT (Orb), GLITCH (Distortion), NONE.

5. SOMATIC MARKERS (Physiological Screen)

Binary Flags: 0 = No, 1 = Yes.

Variable	Definition
soma_paralysis	Inability to move voluntary muscles.
soma_pressure	Feeling of weight on the chest/body.
soma_vibe	Electric sensations, buzzing, or vibrations.
soma_temp	Sudden distinct temperature drop or spike.

soma_nausea	Dizziness, nausea, or disorientation.

6. TRANSMISSION & INTERPRETATION

Variable	Coding Key
prior_aware	0 (Novel experience), 1 (Had prior knowledge/Primed).
is_seeking	0 (Spontaneous), 1 (Legend Tripping/Active Search).
subj_label	The specific label the subject used (e.g., "Ghost").
attribution	INT (Internal), EXT (Physical), SPIRIT, TECH (Sim), UNK.
contact_info	Email / Phone.

7. FIELD DATA & ENGAGEMENT (Researcher Only)

7a. GATEKEEPER STATUS

Variable	Value	Definition
engagement_status	1	No Follow-Up (Web Entry).
	2	Remote Follow-Up (Partial Data).
	3	Field Intercept (Verified Presence).

7b. FIELD OBSERVATIONS (Res ID: res_id)

Variable	Coding Key
setting_type	RES, LIM, COM, NAT, DIG.
env_weather	CLEAR, OVERCAST, RAIN, STORM, OZ (Silence).
env_noise	SILENT, HUM, TALK, LOUD.
env_light	DAY, ART, DIM, DARK.

env_tech_issues	NONE, DRAIN, GLITCH, FAIL.
obs_demeanor	CALM, AGITATED, INTENSE, CONFUSED, SKEPTICAL.
obs_physical	NONE, TREMBLE, PALE, AVOID.
obs_delivery	FLUID, FRAGMENTED, REHEARSED, RELUCTANT.
field_notes	Researcher's shorthand.

8. REGISTRY ANALYSIS (Internal)

Variable	Coding Key
class_code	TYPE_A (Night Assault), TYPE_B (Techno), TYPE_C (Haunting), TYPE_D (Psi), TYPE_E (Cryptid).
narr_consist	Scale 1 (Fluid/Changing) to 5 (Fixed/Scripted).
impact_score	Scale 1 (Low Impact) to 4 (Worldview Shift).
analyst_notes	Hypothesis and observations.