Best Practice – Deletion of Bibliographic Records Prior to Migration from Aleph

In preparation for the migration to Alma, these proposals are offered as best practices:

1. That bibliographic records marked with the following STA values be deleted from Aleph prior to the migration by running p-manage-33 that results in bibliographic records being marked as DEL $$aY. If this is not done, these records will migrate according to documentation from Ex Libris (see the section Background below). The exceptions would be to not delete bibliographic records having these STA values with attached transactions (loans, orders, subscriptions) unless the campus requests that records with these transactions be deleted.
   - STA=DISCARDED
   - STA=WEEDED
   - STA=WITHDRAWN
   - STA=OLISOCLC – from original reclamation project completed 5-7 years ago that campuses were asked to review
   - STA=SUPPRESSED-ERESOURCE – records from vendor loads that have been replaced or deleted

2. That campuses review bibliographic records with STA=SUPPRESSED to determine if any of these records actually fall into the categories noted above. Again, the exceptions would be to not delete bibliographic records having these STA values with attached transactions (loans, orders, subscriptions) unless the campus requests to do so.

Rationale:
As the SUNY campuses move to a shared catalog with the Alma migration, it provides a good opportunity to start with a clean database that represents currently owned materials and minimizing confusion on why certain types of records are maintained. It also eliminates further work that might be done to keep these records from displaying in Primo.

OLIS Support:
The OLIS is willing to help campuses on the shared servers by running p-manage-33 for records that fall into the categories listed above. The OLIS reserves the right to decline running the delete service depending on the complexity of a campus request.

Background:
The Aleph to Alma Migration Guide under the section Further Explanation – Inventory, Alma Structure, Mapping Rules and Assumptions states the following related to deleted bibliographic records in Aleph.

In Aleph, there are three types of deleted records. The migration for each is performed as follows:
1. Marked as deleted by the DEL field in the record $$aY. These records are not migrated to Alma.
2. Marked as deleted by position 05 of the LDR, which is set to d (deleted). These records are marked as suppressed to Alma with the whole inventory structure.
3. Marked as deleted by the STA field being set to DELETED. These records are migrated to Alma with the whole inventory structure and position 05 of the LDR is set to d (deleted)

Link to the Aleph to Alma Migration Guide
https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/Alma/Implementation_and_Migration/Migration_Guides/ILS_Migrations/Aleph_to_Alma_Migration_Guide

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