- The Joint Department of Defense (DoD) – Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Suicide Data Repository (SDR) combines their efforts in merging existing suicide data from multiple federal departments, enabling a comprehensive system for collecting longitudinal suicide data. This synergy improves the DoD and VA's ability to understand suicide behaviors, inform senior leaders, and evaluate suicide prevention programs.

- The SDR's current holdings are listed below. The SDR is expected to increase its holdings as it evolves.
    - CDC's National Death Index Plus (NDI+)
    - Active Duty Master File (ADMF)
    - Active Duty Transaction File (ADTF)
    - Reserve Components Common Personnel Data System (RCCPDS) Master File
    - RCCPDS Transaction File
    - Defense Casualty Analysis System (DCAS)
    - Military Veteran Mortality Database
    - Veterans Health Administration User Master File

- The SDR is managed through the SDR Board of Governors (BoG), chartered in February 2014 as a DoD and VA co-chaired organization. The BoG mission is to oversee the SDR development and implementation as well as collect and approve data requests.

- Principal Investigators (PI) for research or study efforts sponsored by the DoD or VA can make data requests. Third-party organizations, such as academic and other research organizations, may be co-investigators, but the Principal Investigator must be from the DoD or VA.

- DoD or VA research teams can obtain data by completing a data request form that is then reviewed by the SDR BoG. The requesting party must show that the research is sponsored by the DoD or VA and contain an Institutional Review Board (IRB) statement, which shows that the research study has been reviewed and approved according to federal guidelines.

- The SDR BoG typically acts on data requests at its quarterly sessions. If no conditional requirements exist (i.e., minor administrative errors in the request, or questions from the BoG), the request is approved and the estimated timeframe for providing data is generally three weeks.

- Data furnished to researchers, based on approved SDR data requests, is provided without charge.