Spotlight
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(U) Evaluation of DHS' Intelligence Systems Compliance with FISMA Requirements for FY13

(U) Unclassified Summary

(U) We evaluated the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) enterprise-wide security program for Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmented Information intelligence systems. Pursuant to the Federal Information Security Management Act, we reviewed the Department's security program including its policies, procedures, and system security controls for enterprise-wide intelligence systems. In doing so, we assessed the Department's continuous monitoring, configuration management, identity and access management, incident response and reporting, risk management, security training, plans of actions and milestones, contingency planning, and security capital planning. As of May 2012, the United States Coast Guard (USCG) authorizing official assumed oversight for USCG's shore-side intelligence systems from Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A). USCG is migrating portions of its Coast Guard Intelligence Support System to a multi-authorizing official structure including DHS, USCG, and Defense Intelligence Agency.

(U) Since the Fiscal Year 2012 evaluation, I&A continues to provide effective oversight of department-wide systems and maintains programs to monitor ongoing security practices. I&A has established new initiatives to provide training to Department personnel with assigned security responsibilities on intelligence systems. Further, I&A has implemented an automated notification and tracking process to help its security assessors monitor plans of actions and milestones status. We identified deficiencies in the areas of I&A's incident response and reporting; and in USCG's security training, plans of actions and milestones, and contingency planning. Fieldwork was conducted from April through July 2013. (OIG-14-27, January 2014, ITA)

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