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BLM Chief Information Officer

From: Fran Cherry  
BLM Deputy Director (Operations)

Date: June 18, 2004

Subject: PKI Credentialing System Interim Approval to Operate (IATO)

*An Initial Assessment of PKI Credentialing System and its system-level components located at Building 54, National IRM Center, Denver, has been performed in accordance with the Department of the Interior Certification and Accreditation Program. I have reviewed the results of the Initial Assessment and the supporting evidence in the IATO package (IT System Description and Asset Valuation, Initial Risk Assessment Report, Limited TVA Data, Initial SSP, and POA&M).*

In accordance with the provisions of the Department of the Interior Certification and Accreditation Program, after reviewing the security controls that have been implemented and planned, and weighing the remaining residual risks against the operational requirements, the PKI Credentialing System is approved on an interim basis, for initial/continued operation at Security Certification Level - 2. This interim authorization is my formal declaration that some IT system security controls have been properly implemented; however, additional IT system security controls are needed to ensure that a satisfactory level of assurance is present.

This interim authorization is for the existing operating environment of the PKI Credentialing System, and is contingent upon continued application of security controls in place. This interim authorization is valid for six months from the date of this letter unless a significant change to the IT system requires a review of the interim authorization. It is the responsibility of the IT System Security Manager (ITSM) to ensure that any significant change in the IT system's configuration and/or operating environment is analyzed to determine its impact on IT system security and that appropriate action is taken to maintain a level of assurance consistent with this interim authorization.

  
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BLM Deputy Director (Operations)

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