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Memorandum

Subject: INFORMATION: Notification of Audit— Security
and Controls Over the National Driver Register,
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Reply to
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To: National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator

The Office of Inspector General will perform an audit of the National Driver Register (NDR) system, which is managed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). NDR provides information on problem drivers to state agencies and contains sensitive personal information, such as name, driver license number, date of birth, and social security number. This audit will be conducted at NHTSA Headquarters in Washington DC, contractor sites, and selected state motor vehicle administration offices.

The objectives of this audit are to determine whether (1) personal identification information stored in NDR can be accessed for unapproved use, (2) traffic violations are timely and accurately processed for NDR reporting, (3) adequate contingency plan exists to ensure business continuity, and (4) risks associated with NDR system operations are properly assessed, tested, and mitigated to meet minimum Government security standards.

We will contact your audit liaison to establish an entrance conference in order to discuss the audit. The Project Manager for the audit is Nathan Custer. If you have questions, please call me, Rebecca Leng, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Information Technology and Computer Security, or Ed Densmore, Program Director at (202) 366-1496.

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