

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ELOUISE PEPION COBELL, et al.,)
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Plaintiffs,)
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v.)
)
GALE A. NORTON, Secretary of the)
Interior, et al.,)
)
Defendants.)
_____)

Case No. 1:96CV01285
(Judge Lamberth)

**NOTICE OF FILING OF "FOURTH REPORT CARD ON COMPUTER SECURITY
AT FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES" DATED DECEMBER 9, 2003,
PUBLISHED BY SUBCOMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY, INFORMATION
POLICY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND THE CENSUS,
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

On December 9, 2003, the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy,
Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, Committee on Government Reform, United States
House of Representatives, released its "Fourth Report Card on Computer Security at Federal
Department and Agencies." ("Congressional Report Card") Exhibit A.¹

The Congressional Report Card rates government agencies and departments based upon
agency and Inspectors General's reports² submitted in compliance with the Federal Information

¹ Also available on the Internet at <http://reform.house.gov/TIPRC/Hearings/EventSingle.aspx?EventID=652>. The Congressional Report Card is based upon data collected prior to the submission of the reports and does not accurately reflect the status of the Department of Interior information technology systems today (for instance, more systems have been certified and accredited since the reports were submitted OMB and Congress). Interior continues to work with the OMB and the subcommittee concerning their evaluations of Interior's progress in meeting the FISMA requirements.

² The two reports upon which the Department of Interior's Congressional Report Card score contain sensitive security information but can be provided to the Court under seal if requested. These two reports contain the Department of Interior's detailed assessment of its information technology security status.

Security Management Act ("FISMA") and the Government Information Security Reform provisions ("GISRA") contained in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2001. The Report Card gives the Department of the Interior, as a whole, a "F" grade; however, the 2003 numerical score of 43 is an improvement over the 2002 numerical score of 37. (Grades prior to this year were based upon GISRA while the 2003 grade is based upon FISMA).³

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³ The scores for the Department of Interior from 2000 to the present are 17, 48, 37 and 43 respectively.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on December 10, 2003 the foregoing *Notice of Filing of "Fourth Report Card on Computer Security at Federal Departments and Agencies" Dated December 9, 2003, Published by Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and The Census, United States House of Representatives* was served by Electronic Case Filing, and on the following who is not registered for Electronic Case Filing, by facsimile:

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