

Audit Report, "NASA's Information Technology Vulnerability Assessment Program"
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The NASA Office of Inspector General conducted a review to determine whether NASA had established an effective program to reduce unacceptable vulnerabilities in NASA's information technology (IT) systems.

We found that the NASA Chief Information Officer (CIO) had established an ongoing process to assess the most current vulnerability assessment tools available and used tools that were most effective in the NASA environment. In addition, the CIO established formal requirements and guidance for scanning, accumulating, analyzing, and addressing identified vulnerabilities and for reporting FY 2004 vulnerability data. However, our work at four NASA Centers found that the Centers did not comply with the Vulnerability Assessment Program. Specifically, two Centers had not fully implemented the program's requirements for scanning systems and none of the Centers had fully complied with the reporting requirements established by the NASA CIO. Management either took or was planning to take corrective actions in response to our recommendations.

The report contains NASA Information Technology/Internal Systems Data that is not routinely released under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). To submit a FOIA request, see the [online guide](#).