

Spotlight

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(U) Additional Department Oversight Can Improve DHS' Intelligence Systems Security Program

Unclassified Summary

We reviewed the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) enterprise-wide security program and practices for Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmented Information intelligence systems. Pursuant to the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002, we reviewed the Department's security management, implementation, and evaluation of its intelligence activities, including its policies, procedures, and system security controls for enterprise-wide intelligence systems. In doing so, we assessed the Department's assessment and authorization, incident response and reporting, information security training, plan of action and milestones, continuous monitoring, and contingency planning programs.

The Department continued to improve its enterprise-wide information security management program for intelligence systems. DHS has developed information security policies and procedures and implemented effective security controls on intelligence systems. While system controls have been strengthened, more oversight is needed to ensure the security program's policies are implemented. We have concerns with the oversight of component plans of actions and milestones, verification of the intelligence systems inventory, establishment of a department-wide continuous monitoring program, and development of an information security training program for intelligence personnel. Fieldwork was conducted from April through July 2011. We made four recommendations to the Chief Information Officer of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis.

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