



Memorandum

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Transportation

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of Transportation
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Subject: **INFORMATION:** Audit Announcement –
Review of the Security and Controls over
FAA's Air Traffic Control System Command Center
Federal Aviation Administration
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To: Director, Audit and Evaluation

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) manages and promotes air traffic safety throughout the National Airspace System (NAS) through its Air Traffic Control System Command Center's (ATCSCC) information technology systems. Because 4,000 to 6,000 aircraft operate in the NAS during peak traffic periods, or approximately 50,000 aircraft operations each day, it is imperative that FAA maintain an effective information security program that provides for the integrity and availability of ATCSCC's systems and data. The Office of Inspector General (OIG) will perform an audit of the security and controls over the FAA's ATCSCC's systems.

Our audit objective is to determine the effectiveness of ATCSCC systems' information security controls and whether FAA is identifying security risks and properly mitigating them.

We will begin this audit in March and conduct it at FAA's ATCSCC located in Warrenton, VA. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. Should you have any questions, please call me at (202) 366-1407 or Joann Adam, Program Director, at (202) 366-1488.

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