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We reviewed the Department of Homeland Security's enterprise-wide security program and practices for its Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmented Information intelligence systems. Pursuant to 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 Plan of Action and Milestones, certification and accreditation, privacy, and incident reporting processes, as well as its security training and awareness program.

The department continues to maintain an effective enterprise-wide information security management program for its intelligence systems. Overall, information security procedures have been documented and adequate security controls have been implemented. Nonetheless, management oversight and operational issues remain regarding the effectiveness of the program. Concerns with the Plan of Action and Milestones process and the implementation of a formal information system security training and awareness program for intelligence personnel still exist. An Authority to Operate has not been granted for the primary intelligence system at U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Secret Service. We recommended that the Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis address the open recommendations that we identified during our review. Fieldwork was conducted from May through August 2009. (OIG-10-30, December 2009, IT)



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