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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. Further, the Intelligence and Analysis office, having become responsible for the U.S. Coast Guard intelligence systems reporting, has not provided a current authority to operate to the U.S. Coast Guard for its Coast Guard Intelligence Support System. Additionally, the Intelligence and Analysis office should continue to provide management oversight to ensure that the U.S. Coast Guard maintains an effective information technology security program and complies with the Federal Information Security Management Act and Department of Homeland Security requirements. Fieldwork was conducted from May through July 2009. (OIG-09-92, July 2009, IT)



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