

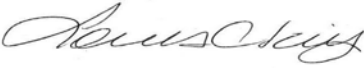


Memorandum

U.S. Department of
Transportation
Office of the Secretary
of Transportation
Office of Inspector General

Subject: **INFORMATION**: Audit Announcement –
Audit of Security Controls over FAA’s Large
Terminal Radar Approach Control Facilities
Federal Aviation Administration
Project No. 14F3012F000

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The Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) facilities safely guide aircraft within a 40 mile radius and up to 10,000 feet that are approaching and departing airports. Air Traffic Controllers operating in these facilities rely heavily on computer systems to separate and communicate with aircraft. These systems process radar, weather and flight plan information. Because thousands of aircraft fly through TRACON airspace daily, it is imperative that FAA maintain an effective information security program that provides for the integrity and availability of TRACON systems and data.

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) will perform a self-initiated audit of FAA’s information technology security controls for large consolidated TRACON facilities. Our audit objectives are to determine whether: (1) FAA is identifying security risks and properly mitigating them; and (2) FAA’s contingency plan limits the effects of the loss of large TRACON facility availability.

We plan to begin the audit in August 2014 and will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. We will conduct our work at FAA Headquarters in Washington, DC, the William J. Hughes Technical Center in Atlantic City, NJ, and selected large TRACON locations. If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-366-1407 or Nathan Custer, Program Director, at 202-366-5540.

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