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OFFICE OF MISSION SUPPORT

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Follow-up to the Office of Inspector General Final Report No. 21-E-0026 "Report: EPA's Emergency Response Systems at Risk of Having Inadequate Security Controls", Dated September 13, 2021

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The final report for the audit "Report: EPA's Emergency Response Systems at Risk of Having Inadequate Security Controls" notes that there are two unresolved recommendations for the Office of Mission Support. The purpose of this memorandum is to transmit OMS' revised corrective action plan for the two unresolved recommendations that I believe fully address the concerns outlined in the final report.

No.	Recommendation	High Level Intended Corrective Action	Estimated Completion Date
4	Update the EPA's security categorization guidance to assign the role of mission owner.	Update the EPA's security categorization guidance to assign the role of the mission owner. EPA is in the process of updating its Information Security policies and procedures and will clarify the role of the Mission Owner is officially assigned to the SIO. These updates will also clarify other information security roles and responsibilities for the security categorization process.	April 15, 2022
5	Develop and provide role-based training to	Develop and provide role- based training to	June 30, 2022

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The existing FedTalent role-based training (RBT) module; Security Controls, includes security categorization, however, at this time, the Security Controls module is only accessible by ISOs. OMS-EI agrees there are other roles involved in the security categorization process and will ensure the FY22 role-based training provides more specific information on the security categorization process, including specific roles and responsibilities. All users with security categorization roles and responsibilities will receive training.

Thank you for the opportunity to revise OMS' corrective action plan to address unresolved recommendations. If you have any questions, please contact OMS' audit follow-up coordinator, Marilyn Armstrong on (202) 564-1876 or armtrong.marilyn@epa.gov.

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