



December 10, 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR: Steven I. Cooper
Chief Information Officer

FROM: Allen Crawley 
Assistant Inspector General for Systems Acquisition
and IT Security

SUBJECT: FY 2015 FISMA Compliance Audit

As required by the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA), the Office of Inspector General is initiating its fiscal year 2015 audit of the Department's information security program and practices. As further mandated by FISMA, we will review a representative subset of Department systems to assess compliance with FISMA requirements.

Our audit objective is to assess the effectiveness of the Department's information security program and practices. Specifically, we will assess the Department's and selected bureaus' policies and procedures and selected IT systems. The results of this audit will be used to answer the FISMA security metrics defined by the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Homeland Security.

We have scheduled an entrance conference for December 11, at which time we can discuss our objectives further. We will conduct our fieldwork at selected Department and contractor sites. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 482-1855 or Dr. Ping Sun, Director for IT Security, at (202) 482-6121.

cc: Brian Callahan, Chief Information Officer, BEA
Eddie Donnell, Acting Chief Information Officer, BIS
Brian McGrath, Chief Information Officer, Census Bureau
Mark Johnson, Acting Chief Information Officer, EDA
Joe Paiva, Chief Information Officer, ITA
Delwin Brockett, Chief Information Officer, NIST
Zach Goldstein, Acting Chief Information Officer, NOAA
Griff Drew, Chief Information Officer, NTIA
Keith Sinner, Chief Information Officer, NTIS
John Owens II, Chief Information Officer, USPTO
Susan Schultz Searcy, Audit Liaison, Office of the Chief Information Officer