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MEMORANDUM FOR: Simon Szykman
Chief Information Officer

FROM: Allen Crawley
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SUBJECT: Audit of the Department's Information Security Program and
Practices for Fiscal Year 2010

As required by the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA), the Office of Inspector General is initiating its Fiscal Year 2010 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 by determining whether (1) implemented controls adequately protect the Department's systems and information, and (2) continuous monitoring is keeping authorizing officials sufficiently informed about the operational status and effectiveness of security controls. We will select a subset of up to 18 information systems across Department operating units and, for each system, assess a targeted selection of the security controls on a representative set of system components and applications.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We have scheduled an entrance conference to discuss this audit during the Chief Information Officer's Council meeting on June 23, 2010. We will conduct our evaluation at selected Department and contractor sites. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 482-1855.

cc.: Department of Commerce Chief Information Officer's Council
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