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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Patrick Gallagher
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SUBJECT: FISMA Evaluation of the Manufacturing Engineering
Laboratory (MEL) Managed Infrastructure (NIST 820 01) and
the Application Servers and Databases (NIST 183 06)

As part of our work under the Federal Information Security Management Act, we plan to evaluate your agency's certification and accreditation (C&A) of NIST 820 01 and NIST 183 06.

Our objectives are to determine whether (1) the C&A process produced sufficient information about remaining system vulnerabilities to enable the authorizing official to make credible risk-based accreditation decisions, (2) continuous monitoring is keeping the authorizing official sufficiently informed about the operational status and effectiveness of security controls, and (3) implemented controls adequately protect the systems and their information.

As a first step in our evaluation, we will be contacting your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. In the meantime, if you have any questions about this review, please contact me at (202) 482-2754, or Allen Crawley, deputy assistant inspector general for systems evaluation, at (202) 482-1855.

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