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MEMORANDUM FOR: Craig Burkhardt
Acting Under Secretary for Standards and Technology and
Acting Director
National Institute of Standards and Technology

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FROM: Kevin D. Ryan
Acting Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

SUBJECT: Audit of NIST's Management of the National Vulnerability
Database
Project No. 2025-518

We are initiating an audit of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST's) management of the National Vulnerability Database (NVD). Our objective is to verify the effectiveness of NIST's sustainable processes for managing NVD submission volumes, including the long-term effectiveness of its backlog reduction strategies and measures to prevent future processing delays.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss the specific nature of our audit with you, including our objective and scope, time frames, and any potential requests for data. If you have any questions about this audit, please contact me at 202-750-5190 or Director for Cybersecurity Chuck Mitchell at 202-809-9528.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

cc: S. Shyam Sunder, Acting Associate Director for Laboratory Programs, NIST
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