



April 7, 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR: Brian Epley
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FROM: Kevin D. Ryan
Acting Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2025 FISMA Compliance Audit (#2025-517)

As required by the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (FISMA), our office is initiating its fiscal year 2025 audit of the U.S. Department of Commerce's (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, procedures, and information technology systems. We will use the results of this audit to answer the FISMA security metrics defined by the Office of Management and Budget and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss in further detail our objective and scope, time frames, and any potential data needs. If you have any questions about this audit, please call me at (202) 750-5190 or Chuck Mitchell, Director for Cybersecurity, at (202) 809-9528.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation during this effort.

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