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# OVERVIEW OF ONGOING AUTHORIZATION (OA)

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ISSO Training – Information Systems Security Officer



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# AGENDA



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- Differences between Security Authorization Process (SAP) and Ongoing Authorization (OA)
- Overview of the OA Process, including key components and tools
- Requirements of the OA Program
- Types of Independent Assessments

# OBJECTIVES



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- Understand the key differences between SAP and OA
- Understand the requirements of the OA Program
- Understand how to record results of control testing in the Control Allocation Table (CAT)
- Understand when and how to record triggers in the TRigger Accountability Log (TRAL)
- Understand the requirements of the monthly Risk Management Board (RMB) meetings
- Understand the types of independent assessments and the outputs



# **DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SECURITY AUTHORIZATION PROCESS (SAP) AND ONGOING AUTHORIZATION (OA)**

# SAP vs OA



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## New Method:

### Ongoing Authorization

- Enables risk-based decisions
- Tracks and reports system security postures in near real-time
- Monitors volatile controls through:
  - Defined frequency and documented testing processes
  - Periodic and event-driven testing and assessments
  - Identification of trigger events and escalating as appropriate
- Leverages CDM technologies to support authorization and operational decisions



# WHAT IS ONGOING AUTHORIZATION?



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- OA shifts the focus from compliance-based security to risk-based security.
  - Continuous evaluation of system risk and timely identification of vulnerabilities.
  - Increases frequency of risk evaluations and openness of communication with the AO and System Owners (SO).
  - Increases system security by placing more scrutiny on critical and frequently changing controls.
  - Allows for flexibility to react to new threats and vulnerabilities.
  - Streamlines security authorization testing and reporting processes.
  - Increases awareness of vulnerabilities.

# NIST SP 800-37



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- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication (SP) 800-37, Guide for Applying the Risk Management Framework to Federal Information Systems: A Security Life Cycle Approach, provides guidelines for applying the Risk Management Framework to federal information systems to:
  - Ensure that managing information system-related security risks is consistent with the organization's mission and business objectives and overall risk strategy established by senior leadership through the risk executive (function).
  - Ensure that information security requirements, including necessary security controls, are integrated into the organization's enterprise architecture and system development life cycle processes.
  - Support consistent, well-informed transparency of security and risk management-related information, and reciprocity.
  - Achieve more secure information and information systems within the federal government through the implementation of appropriate risk mitigation strategies.

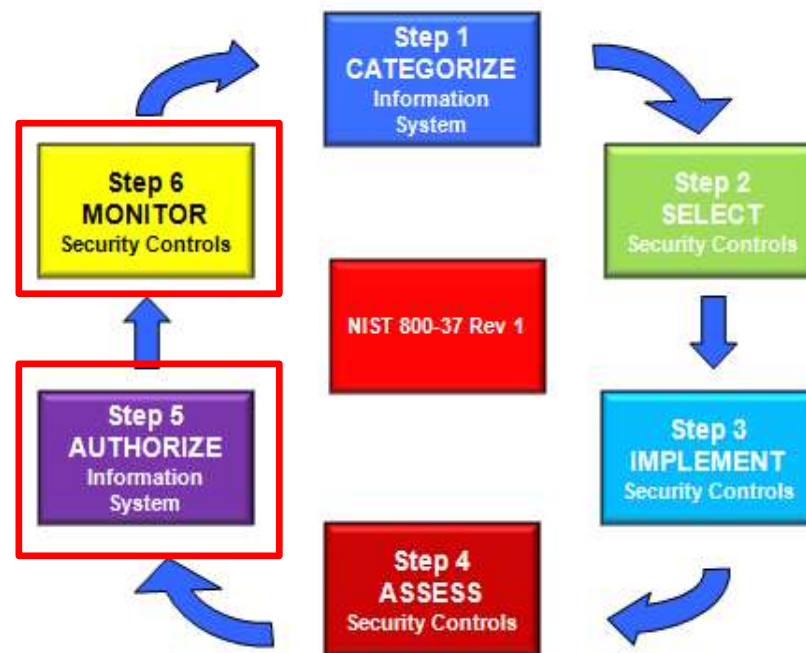
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## WHERE DOES OA FIT?



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- Ongoing Authorization is part of Step 5, *Authorize*, and is dependent on the organization's continuous monitoring program which is implemented in Step 6, *Monitor*, of the Risk Management Framework as described in NIST SP 800-37.





# NIST SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDANCE on OA



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- The NIST SP 800-37 Supplemental Guidance on OA was published in June 2014 and includes the following summary points:
  - A robust Information Security Continuous Monitoring (ISCM) program is a key dependency of a successful transition to OA.
  - Automation is a consistent theme with respect to transparency and near real-time information transfer.
  - Implementing OA does not change the security authorization process as defined in NIST SP 800-37, it makes the process more efficient and produces more timely information to support risk-based decisions.
  - The 4 tasks in the Risk Management Framework (RMF) Step 5, Authorize, remain virtually unchanged as a result of ongoing authorization.
    - Task 5-1: Unchanged, weaknesses are identified in near real-time as a result of ISCM.
    - Task 5-2: Security posture reviews are conducted by the AO and informed by reports from ISCM automated activities. Greater transparency for the AO into the of risk posture of his/her portfolio.
    - Task 5-3: Unchanged, the AO still determines the organizational risk resulting from the operation of the information system.
    - Task 5-4: Unchanged, the AO remains accountable for understanding and accepting risk based on the organization's risk tolerance.

# USCIS OA PROGRAM: BACKGROUND



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- Department of Homeland Security (DHS) introduced the concept of OA in its DHS OA Methodology.
- US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) was an early adopter - participated as 1 of 3 Components in the OA Pilot Program.
- USCIS began transitioning from the traditional SAP to OA in September 2013.

# USCIS OA PROGRAM: SUCCESS FACTORS



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- **Transparency**
  - Information System Security Officers (ISSOs) have access to scan data near real-time.
  - The Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) and/or AO is briefed monthly on security posture of systems, escalated risks (triggers), and weakness remediation plans.
  - All reports, documents, etc. are managed via the Enterprise Collaboration Network (ECN).
- **Accountability**
  - Governance drives accountability by way of meetings with the AO as well as monthly OA RMB meetings.
  - ISSOs are required to attend training annually.
- **Escalation**
  - POA&Ms and triggers are reviewed monthly during the RMB.
  - The OA Manager is an ongoing escalation point for the ISSOs in resolving issues. If issues persist, they are escalated to the CISO and AO.



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# **OVERVIEW OF THE ONGOING AUTHORIZATION (OA) PROCESS**

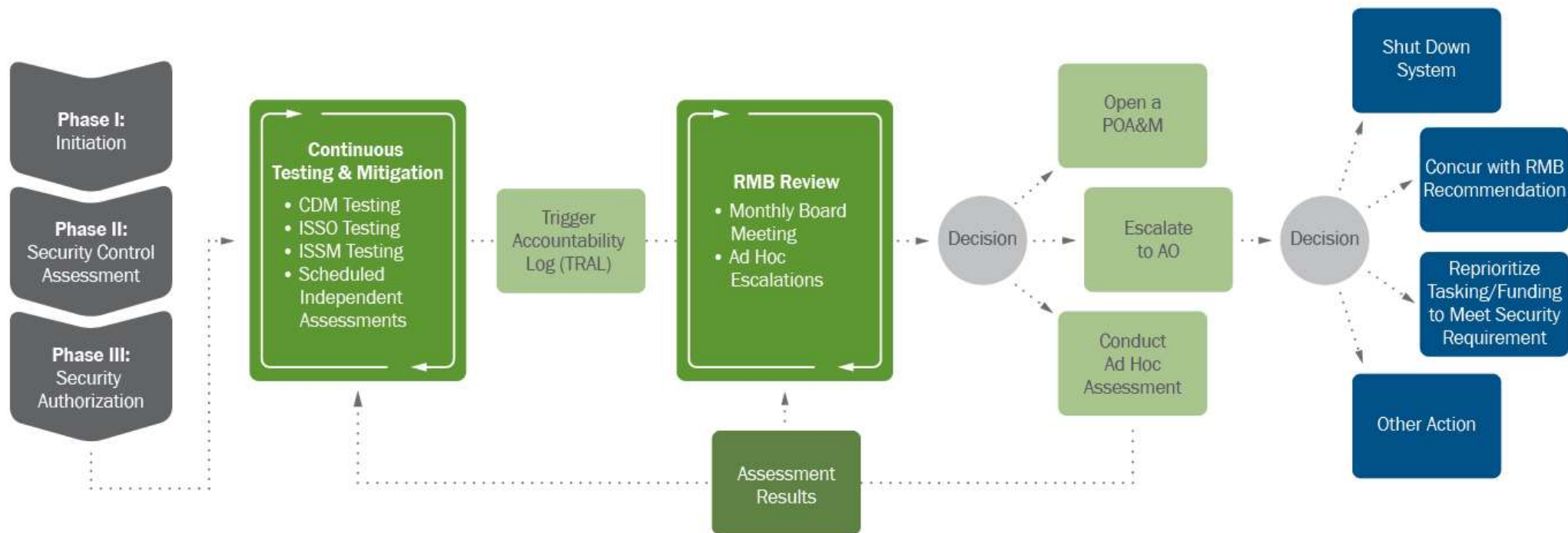


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- Traditional SAP (Phases I, II, and III) is a prerequisite to OA



# REQUIREMENTS OF THE OA PROGRAM



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- ISSOs are responsible for the following actions in support of the OA Program:
  - Test controls and maintain the CAT.
  - Maintain the TRAL, including escalating Severity Level 1 and 2 triggers to OA Manager upon identification.
  - Participate in monthly RMB Meetings, including providing a status on action items, overdue POA&Ms, web and database scan findings, and providing justification for negative trends in Anti-virus, Hardening, and Critical/ High/Medium Vulnerabilities.
  - Conduct ISSO-related activities including audit log reviews, POA&M monitoring, account management reviews, etc.
- The Information System Security Manager (ISSM) and OA Manager are responsible for ensuring compliance with all security policy, including OA requirements.

# KEY COMPONENTS



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- OA Manager (A federal employee)
- OA Team (Contractor Team)
- OA RMB Meetings
- TRAL Reviews
- CAT Reviews
- Audit Log Reviews
- Account Management
- OA Dashboard
- Assessments are conducted in accordance with the frequencies defined in the CAT
- At least Quarterly Reviews with the AO and/or CISO
- Annually re-occurring ISSO and OA Training
- OA Data Trending Slides

# KEY TOOLS



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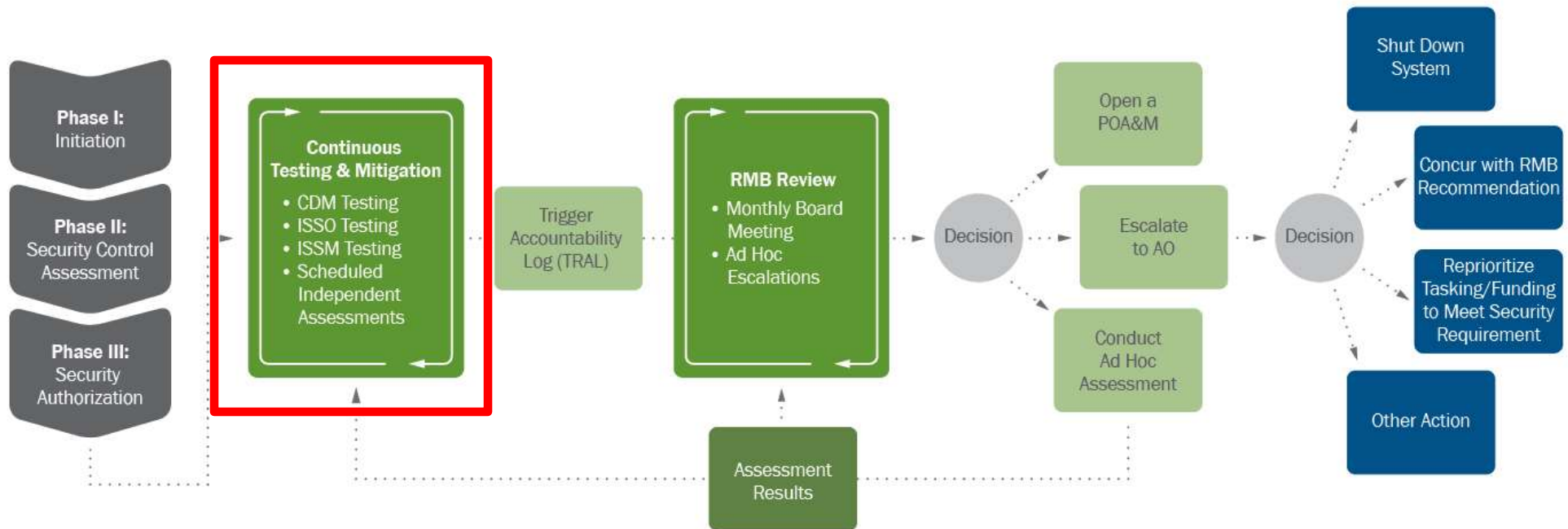
- IACS
- Security Center 5 (Nessus)
- SPLUNK
- WebInspect
- DbProtect
- CAT
- TRAL
- Audit Log Review Tracker
- Account Management Tracker
- SharePoint



# USCIS OA PROGRAM: TESTING



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- Control Testing: In addition to leveraging CDM, the CAT provides a schedule for control testing, by ISSOs and the Security Control Assessment (SCA) Team, at pre-defined frequencies (1 Month, 1 Year, 18 Month, 2 Year, 3 Year, 4 Year, and 5 Year).

# CONTROL ALLOCATION TABLE OVERVIEW



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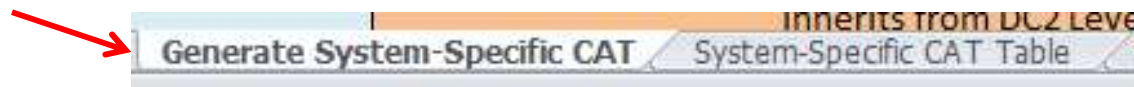
- The CAT provides the controls to be tested and the frequency for testing.
- The latest version (CAT 3.0) focuses on the role of the SCA Team as the independent assessor, separating testing requirements and frequencies for SCA and the ISSO.
- ISSOs are responsible for testing the controls designated as ISSO-required for their system(s) in accordance with the frequencies outlined in the CAT.
- The SCA team is responsible for testing the controls designated as SCA-required for all systems in accordance with the frequencies outlined in the CAT.
- In addition, CAT 3.0 includes controls unique to FedRAMP-based systems for systems declared as such in IACS.
- Prior to entry into the OA program, the OA Team will build a new CAT based on the results of the last traditional SCA conducted on the system.

# GENERATING THE CAT



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- Generating the CAT
  - Step 1: Access the *Generate System-Specific CAT* Tab of the CAT
  - Step 2: Complete the system-specific information



<SYSTEM NAME>

SYSTEM OWNER: <System Owner Name>

ISSO: <ISSO Name>

Date: <Date of Completion>



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  - Step 3: Complete the system-specific questions using the drop down options

| What is the Security Categorization of the System? |   |
|--|---|
| Confidentiality:                                   | M |
| Integrity:   | M |
| Availability:                                      | M |

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Is the system following FedRAMP?          | N |
| Is the system a Privacy-Sensitive System? | Y |
| Is the system a CFO-Designated System?    | N |

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Inherits from DHS & USCIS CISO Programs? | Y |
| Inherits from DC1 Level 1?               | Y |
| Inherits from DC1 Level 2?               | N |
| Inherits from DC2 Level 1?               | Y |
| Inherits from DC2 Level 2?               | N |
| Inherits from EHS1?                      | Y |
| Inherits from EHS2?                      | N |
| Inherits from NIOC?                      | Y |
| Inherits from ESS?                       | Y |
| Inherits from CISNet?                    | Y |
| Inherits from OCONUS?                    | N |
| Inherits from AWS?                       | N |

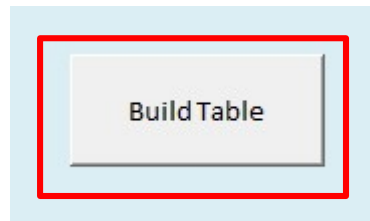


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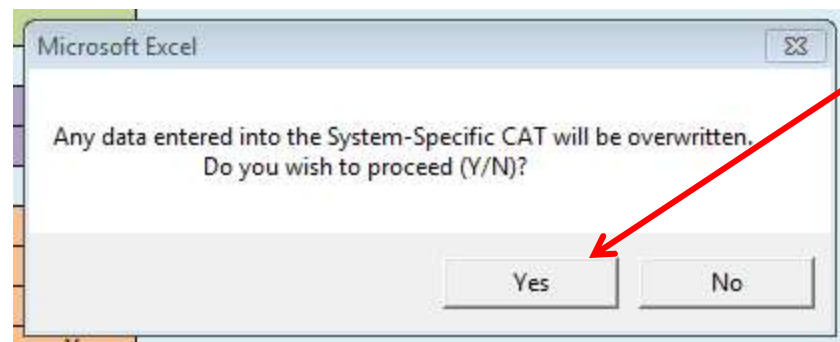


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  - Step 4: Click the Build Table button to generate the system-specific CAT



- Step 5: Select “Yes” to proceed. Note, this will overwrite any data previously entered within the System-Specific CAT Table



# UPDATING THE CAT



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- Updating the CAT

- Step 1: Access the *System-Specific CAT Table* Tab of the CAT



- Step 2: Review the *Control Applicability* column for all controls. Mark any control that is not applicable to the system as Not Applicable (N/A). Provide a justification in the next column *If change made to Control Applicability, denote why*.

| #  | Control Name                 | Control Ref # | Control Requirement   | Inherited Controls   |             | Privacy System | Control Applicability | If change made to Control Applicability, denote why | CDM | Only applies to Partially Inherited and System-Specific |                | Last ISSO Test Date | Next ISSO Test Date |
|----|------------------------------|---------------|---|----------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|---|-----|---|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|    |                              |               |   | DHS/CIS CISO Program | DC1 Level 1 |                |                       |   |     | ISSO Tested?  | ISSO Frequency |                     |                     |
| 10 | Information Flow Enforcement | AC-4          | The information system enforces approved authorizations for controlling the flow of information within the system and the organization:   |                      | PI          | N/A            | Partially Inherited   |   | N/A | No  | N/A            | N/A                 | N/A                 |
| 11 | Separation Of Duties         | AC-5          | a. Separates [ASSIGNMENT: ORGANIZATION-DEFINED DUTIES OF INDIVIDUALS]; b. Documents separation of duties of individuals; and The organization employs the principle of least privilege, allowing only authorized accesses for users (or processes acting on |                      |             | N/A            | System-Specific       |   | N/A | No  | N/A            | N/A                 | N/A                 |
| 12 | Least Privilege              | AC-6          | The organization:   |                      |             | N/A            | System-Specific       |   | N/A | No  | N/A            | N/A                 | N/A                 |
| 32 | Wireless Access              | AC-18         | a. Establishes usage restrictions, configuration/connection requirements, and implementation guidance   |                      |             | N/A            | N/A                   | There is no wireless access within                  | N/A | No  | N/A            | N/A                 | N/A                 |

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- Step 3: Using the Microsoft (MS) Excel Filtering feature, filter the *Control Applicability* column for Fully Inherited and N/A Controls.
- Step 4: Mark the *Last ISSO Test Date* column as N/A for all controls that are Fully Inherited and N/A.

| #  | Control Name  | Control Ref #  | Control Requirement  | Inherited Controls | Privacy System | Control Applicability | If change made to Control Applicability, denote why | CDM | Only applies to Partially Inherited and System-Specific controls |        | Last ISSO Test Date | Next ISSO Test Date |
|----|---|----------------|--|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---|-----|--|--------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2  | Sharing Of Personal Passwords                         | AC-1 (5.1.1.c) | DHS users shall not share personal passwords.  | FI                 | N/A            | Fully Inherited       |   | N/A | No   | N/A    | N/A                 | N/A                 |
| 32 | Wireless Access                                       | AC-18          | The organization:<br>a. Establishes usage restrictions, configuration/connection requirements, and implementation guidance.<br>The organization:<br>a. Develops, documents, and disseminates to [PERSONNEL AND ROLES AS DEFINED IN DHS 4300A POLICY]:<br>1. A security awareness and training policy and procedures.<br>The organization provides basic security awareness training to information system users (including managers, senior executives). |                    | N/A            | N/A                   | There is no wireless access within the              | N/A | No   | N/A    | N/A                 | N/A                 |
| 41 | Security Awareness And Training Policy And Procedures | AT-1           | a. Develops, documents, and disseminates to [PERSONNEL AND ROLES AS DEFINED IN DHS 4300A POLICY]:<br>1. A security awareness and training policy and procedures.<br>The organization provides basic security awareness training to information system users (including managers, senior executives).   | FI                 | N/A            | Fully Inherited       |   | N/A | No   | N/A    | N/A                 | N/A                 |
| 42 | Security Awareness Training                           | AT-2           | a. Develops, documents, and disseminates to [PERSONNEL AND ROLES AS DEFINED IN DHS 4300A POLICY]:<br>1. A security awareness and training policy and procedures.<br>The organization provides basic security awareness training to information system users (including managers, senior executives).   | FI                 | N/A            | Fully Inherited       |   | N/A | Yes  | 1 year | N/A                 | N/A                 |
| 43 | Security Awareness   Insider Threat                   | AT-2 (2)       | The organization includes security awareness training on recognizing and reporting potential indicators of insider threat.   | FI                 | N/A            | Fully Inherited       |   | N/A | Yes  | 1 year | N/A                 | N/A                 |



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- Step 5: Clear all filters.
- Step 6: Filter on the *ISSO Tested* Column to identify the controls for which the ISSO is responsible for testing. Review the *Next Test Date* column for any controls overdue or coming due. *Next Test Date* is auto-populated based on the *ISSO Frequency*.

| #  | Control Name  | Control Ref # | Control Requirement   | Inherited Controls   |             | Privacy System | Control Applicability | If change made to Control Applicability, denote why | CDM | Only applies to Partially Inherited and System-Specific |                | Last ISSO Test Date | Next ISSO Test Date |
|----|---|---------------|---|----------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|---|-----|---|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|    |   |               |   | DHS/CIS CISO Program | DC1 Level 1 |                |                       |   |     | ISSO Tested?  | ISSO Frequency |                     |                     |
| 4  | Account Management   Automated System Account Management      | AC-2 (1)      | The organization employs automated mechanisms to support the management of information system accounts.   |                      |             | N/A            | System-Specific       |   | X   | Yes   | 1 month        | 11/6/2017           | 12/6/2017           |
| 5  | Account Management   Removal Of Temporary / Emergency Account | AC-2 (2)      | The information system automatically [SELECTION: REMOVES; DISABLES] temporary and emergency accounts after [ASSIGNMENT: The information system automatically disables inactive accounts after [90 DAYS FOR LOW- |                      |             | N/A            | System-Specific       |   | X   | Yes   | 1 month        | 11/6/2017           | 12/6/2017           |
| 6  | Account Management   Disable Inactive                         | AC-2 (3)      | The information system automatically disables inactive accounts after [90 DAYS FOR LOW-   |                      |             | N/A            | System-Specific       |   | X   | Yes   | 1 month        | 11/6/2017           | 12/6/2017           |
| 18 | Unsuccessful Logon Attempts                                   | AC-7          | a. Enforces a limit of [THREE (3)] consecutive invalid logon attempts by a user during a [ASSIGNMENT: ORGANIZATION-DEFINED TIME PERIOD]   | PI                   |             | N/A            | Partially Inherited   |   | X   | Yes   | 1 month        | 11/6/2017           | 12/6/2017           |



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- Step 7: Test the controls in accordance with NIST SP 800-53A and record the results by following Steps 8– 9.
  - For ISSO's reference, assessment procedures and evidence guidance is listed for each control.

| # | Control Name   | Control Ref # | Control Requirement  | Inherited Controls   |             | Privacy System | Control Applicability | Only applies to Partially Inherited and System-Specific controls |                |  | Last ISSO Test Date | Assessment Procedure  | Assessment Evidence                                       |
|---|--|---------------|--|----------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|--|----------------|--|---------------------|---|---|
|   |  |               |  | DHS/CIS CISO Program | DC1 Level 1 |                |                       | ISSO Tested?   | ISSO Frequency | Frequency Justification  |                     |   |   |
| 3 | Account Management   | AC-2          | The organization:<br>a. Identifies and selects the following types of information system accounts to support                         |                      |             | N/A            | System-Specific       | Yes  | 1 month        | While unlikely to change once established, this control        | 11/6/2017           | Interview the SO/ISSO/SA; identify the system accounts employed (e.g., individual, shared, group, system, guest/anonymous, emergency                                    | Upload certification statement and screenshots to IACS.   |
| 4 | Account Management   Automated System Account Management       | AC-2 (1)      | The organization employs automated mechanisms to support the management of information system accounts.                              |                      |             | N/A            | System-Specific       | Yes  | 1 month        | While unlikely to change once established, this control merits | 11/6/2017           | Interview the SO/ISSO/SA; identify the automated mechanisms (e.g., using email or text messaging to automatically notify account managers when users are                | Upload certification statement and screenshot(s) to IACS. |
| 5 | Account Management   Removal Of Temporary / Emergency Accounts | AC-2 (2)      | The information system automatically [SELECTION: REMOVES; DISABLES] temporary and emergency accounts after [ASSIGNMENT:              |                      |             | N/A            | System-Specific       | Yes  | 1 month        | While unlikely to change once established, this control merits | 11/6/2017           | Interview the SO/ISSO/SA; determine whether temporary/emergency accounts are removed or disabled when no longer needed, and after what period                           | Upload certification statement and screenshot(s) to IACS. |
| 6 | Account Management   Disable Inactive Accounts                 | AC-2 (3)      | The information system automatically disables inactive accounts after [90 DAYS FOR LOW-CONFIDENTIALITY SYSTEMS, 45 DAYS FOR MODERATE |                      |             | N/A            | System-Specific       | Yes  | 1 month        | While unlikely to change once established, this control merits | 11/6/2017           | For each system component (e.g. O/S, web, database), generate screenshot depicting how the system automatically disables accounts after 90 days of inactivity (for Low- | Upload screenshot(s) to IACS.                             |

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- Step 8: Update the *Last ISSO Test Date* column for all controls tested as part of the ISSO's typical monthly duties, such as Audit Log Reviews (AU-3, AU-6), Account Management Reviews (AC-2) as well as controls covered by weekly and monthly CDM activities (CA-7, SI-2).
- Step 9: Designate whether the control passed or failed the last test in the *Pass/Fail/Compensated* column.

| #   | Control Name                                | Control Ref # | Control Requirement   | Inherited Controls   |           | Privacy System | Control Applicability | If change made to Control Applicability, denote | CDM | Only applies to Partially Inherited and System-Specific controls |                |   | Last ISSO Test Date | Pass / Fail / Compensated | If Control Failed, associated POA&M | If Control Failed, what is Impact (H/M/L) | Next ISSO Test Date |
|-----|---|---------------|---|----------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------------|---|-----|--|----------------|---|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------|
|     |   |               |   | INS/CIS CISO Program | DC1 Level |                |                       |   |     | ISSO Tested  | ISSO Frequency | Frequency Justification   |                     |                           |                                     |   |                     |
| 3   | Account Management                          | AC-2          | The organization:<br>a. Identifies and selects the following types of information system                                      |                      |           | N/A            | System-Specific       |   | X   | Yes  | 1 month        | While unlikely to change once established                               | 11/3/2017           | Pass                      |                                     | High                                      | 12/3/2017           |
| 49  | Content Of Audit Records                    | AU-3          | The information system generates audit records containing information that establishes what type of event occurred            |                      |           | N/A            | System-Specific       |   | X   | Yes  | 1 month        | While unlikely to change once established                               | 11/6/2017           | Pass                      |                                     | High                                      | 12/6/2017           |
| 50  | Content Of Audit Records   Additional Audit | AU-3 (1)      | The information system generates audit records containing the following additional information:<br>The organization:          |                      |           | N/A            | System-Specific       |   | X   | Yes  | 1 month        | While unlikely to change once established                               | 11/6/2017           | Pass                      |                                     | High                                      | 12/6/2017           |
| 53  | Audit Review, Analysis, And Reporting       | AU-6          | a. Reviews and analyzes information system audit records [AS DEFINED IN THE SECURITY PLAN] for indications of                 |                      |           | N/A            | System-Specific       |   | X   | Yes  | 1 month        | While unlikely to change once established this control merits increased | 11/6/2017           | Pass                      |                                     | High                                      | 12/6/2017           |
| 372 | Flaw Remediation                            | SI-2          | The organization:<br>a. Identifies, reports, and corrects information system flaws;<br>b. Tests software and firmware updates |                      |           | N/A            | System-Specific       |   | X   | Yes  | 1 month        | Flaws are frequently identified in all categories of system components  | 11/8/2017           | Fail                      |                                     | High                                      | 12/8/2017           |



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- Step 10: Clear all filters.
- Step 11: Update the *Last SCA Test Date* column for all controls tested as part of the last SCA. Designate whether the control passed or failed the last test in the *Pass/Fail/Compensated* column.

| #   | Control Name  | Control Ref # | Inherited Controls |           | Control Applicability | CDM | Only applies to Partially Inherited and System-Specific controls |            |                |               | Last ISSO Test Date | Last SCA Test Date | Pass / Fail / Compensate | If Control Failed, associated POA&M | If Control Failed, what is Impact (H/M/L) | POA&M Scheduled Completion Date | If Risk Accepted, associated WEAR artifact # | Next ISSO Test Date | Next SCA Test Date |
|-----|---|---------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----|--|------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------|
|     |   |               | DHS/CIS/CISU       | DCJ Level |                       |     | ISSO Tested  | SCA Tested | ISSO Frequency | SCA Frequency |                     |                    |                          |                                     |   |                                 |  |                     |                    |
| 3   | Account Management                                      | AC-2          |                    |           | System-Specific       | X   | Yes  | Yes        | 1 month        | 1 year        | 11/3/2017           | 10/3/2017          | Pass                     |                                     | High                                      |                                 |  | 12/3/2017           | 10/3/2018          |
| 49  | Content Of Audit Records                                | AU-3          |                    |           | System-Specific       | X   | Yes  | Yes        | 1 month        | 1 year        | 11/6/2017           | 10/3/2017          | Pass                     |                                     | High                                      |                                 |  | 12/6/2017           | 10/3/2018          |
| 50  | Content Of Audit Records   Additional Audit Information | AU-3 (1)      |                    |           | System-Specific       | X   | Yes  | Yes        | 1 month        | 1 year        | 11/6/2017           | 10/3/2017          | Pass                     |                                     | High                                      |                                 |  | 12/6/2017           | 10/3/2018          |
| 53  | Audit Review, Analysis, And Reporting                   | AU-6          |                    |           | System-Specific       | X   | Yes  | Yes        | 1 month        | 1 year        | 11/6/2017           | 10/3/2017          | Pass                     |                                     | High                                      |                                 |  | 12/6/2017           | 10/3/2018          |
| 372 | Flaw Remediation  | SI-2          |                    |           | System-Specific       | X   | Yes  | Yes        | 1 month        | 1 year        | 11/8/2017           | 10/9/2017          | Fail                     | 74                                  | High                                      | 4/28/2018                       | CIS-2017-W-001                               | 12/8/2017           | 10/9/2018          |

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- Step 12: For failed controls, if there is an associated POA&M, add the POA&M number in the *If Control Failed, associated POA&M #* column and the POA&M's Scheduled Completion Date in the *POA&M Scheduled Completion Date* column.
- Step 13: If there is an approved Waiver or Accepted Risk (WEAR) signed by the USCIS AO, include the WEAR tracking number in the *If Risk Accepted, associated WEAR artifact #* column. Add the DHS tracking number once it is available.

| #   | Control Name  | Control Ref # | Inherited Controls |           | Control Applicability | CDM | Only applies to Partially Inherited and System-Specific controls |            |                |               | Last ISSO Test Date | Last SCA Test Date | Pass / Fail / Compensate | If Control Failed, associated POA&M | If Control Failed, what is Impact (H/M/L) | POA&M Scheduled Completion Date | If Risk Accepted, associated WEAR artifact # | Next ISSO Test Date | Next SCA Test Date |
|-----|---|---------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----|--|------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------|
|     |   |               | DHS/CIS CIST       | DCI Level |                       |     | ISSO Tested  | SCA Tested | ISSO Frequency | SCA Frequency |                     |                    |                          |                                     |   |                                 |  |                     |                    |
| 3   | Account Management                                      | AC-2          |                    |           | System-Specific       | X   | Yes  | Yes        | 1 month        | 1 year        | 11/3/2017           | 10/3/2017          | Pass                     |                                     | High                                      |                                 |  | 12/3/2017           | 10/3/2018          |
| 49  | Content Of Audit Records                                | AU-3          |                    |           | System-Specific       | X   | Yes  | Yes        | 1 month        | 1 year        | 11/6/2017           | 10/3/2017          | Pass                     |                                     | High                                      |                                 |  | 12/6/2017           | 10/3/2018          |
| 50  | Content Of Audit Records   Additional Audit Information | AU-3 (1)      |                    |           | System-Specific       | X   | Yes  | Yes        | 1 month        | 1 year        | 11/6/2017           | 10/3/2017          | Pass                     |                                     | High                                      |                                 |  | 12/6/2017           | 10/3/2018          |
| 53  | Audit Review, Analysis, And Reporting                   | AU-6          |                    |           | System-Specific       | X   | Yes  | Yes        | 1 month        | 1 year        | 11/6/2017           | 10/3/2017          | Pass                     |                                     | High                                      |                                 |  | 12/6/2017           | 10/3/2018          |
| 372 | Flaw Remediation  | SI-2          |                    |           | System-Specific       | X   | Yes  | Yes        | 1 month        | 1 year        | 11/8/2017           | 10/9/2017          | Fail                     | 74                                  | High                                      | 4/28/2018                       | CIS-2017-W-001                               | 12/8/2017           | 10/9/2018          |



# UPDATING THE CAT

## NEW POA&Ms



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- Step 14: Reference IACS, and add any new POA&Ms that were not previously included in the CAT.
  - Scenario: POA&M 93 was created in IACS on 10/28/2017 for updating the Security Plan to include a newly added minor application. The POA&M has a Scheduled Completion Date in IACS of 10/28/2018.
    - Update *Last Test Date* to the POA&M Creation Date, 10/28/2017.
    - Update *Pass/Fail* field to Fail.
    - Enter 93 in the *If Control Failed, Associated POA&M Number* field.
    - Enter 10/28/2018 in the *POA&M Scheduled Completion Date* field.

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| #   | Control Name   | Control Ref #   | Control Applicability | Only applies to Partially Inherited and System-Specific |               | Last SCA Test Date | Assessment Procedure  | Pass / Fail / Compensated | If Control Failed, associated POA&M # | If Control Failed, what is Impact (H/M/L)? | POA&M Scheduled Completion Date | If Risk Accepted, associated WEAR artifact # | Next SCA Test Date |
|-----|--|-----------------|-----------------------|---|---------------|--------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|--------------------|
|     |  |                 |                       | SCA Tested?   | SCA Frequency |                    |   |                           |                                       |  |                                 |  |                    |
| 258 | Sensitive PII  | PL-1 (3.14.5.c) | System-Specific       | Yes   | 4 years       | 10/28/2017         | Interview the SO/ISSO; determine if routine CREs are performed for the system.                            | Pass                      |                                       | Low  |                                 |  | 10/28/2021         |
| 260 | System Security Plan   | PL-2            | System-Specific       | Yes   | 1 year        | 10/28/2017         | Interview the CISO/SO/ISSO; determine if the SP includes the noted items; identify who is responsible for | Fail                      | 93                                    | High                                       | 10/28/2018                      |  | 10/28/2018         |
| 261 | System Security Plan   Plan / Coordinate With Other Organizational | PL-2 (3)        | System-Specific       | Yes   | 1 year        | 10/28/2017         | Interview the SO/ISSO; determine how security-related activities (e.g., security assessments,             | Fail                      | 93                                    | High                                       | 10/28/2018                      |  | 10/28/2018         |

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# UPDATING THE CAT COMPLETED POA&M



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- Scenario: POA&M 96 was marked completed in IACS on 11/09/2017.
  - Update *Last Test Date* with the POA&M Completion Date, 11/09/2017. The *Next Test Date* column automatically adjusts to reflect the assigned frequency of testing for the control.
  - Update *Pass/Fail* field to Pass.
  - Remove reference to POA&M number and POA&M Scheduled Completion Date.

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Before

| #  | Control Name       | Control Ref # | Inherited Controls   |             | Control Applicability | CDM | Only applies to Partially Inherited and System-Specific controls |             |                |               | Last SCA Test Date | Assessment Procedure  | Pass / Fail / Compensated | If Control Failed, associated POA&M # | If Control Failed, what is Impact (H/M/L)? | POA&M Scheduled Completion Date | If Risk Accepted, associated WEAR artifact # | Next SCA Test Date |
|----|--------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----|--|-------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|--------------------|
|    |                    |               | DHS/CIS CISO Program | DC1 Level 1 |                       |     | ISSO Tested?   | SCA Tested? | ISSO Frequency | SCA Frequency |                    |   |                           |                                       |  |                                 |  |                    |
| 8  | Access Enforcement | AC-3          |                      |             | System-Specific       | N/A | No   | Yes         | N/A            | 3 years       | 6/5/2017           | For each system layer (e.g. O/S, web database, interview the SO/ISSO/SA; identify each user group and the | Fail                      | 96                                    | Moderate                                   | 11/13/2017                      |  | 6/5/2020           |
| 12 | Least Privilege    | AC-6          |                      |             | System-Specific       | N/A | No   | Yes         | N/A            | 18 months     | 6/5/2017           |   | Fail                      | 96                                    | Moderate                                   | 11/13/2017                      |  | 12/5/2018          |

After

| #  | Control Name       | Control Ref # | Inherited Controls   |             | Control Applicability | CDM | Only applies to Partially Inherited and System-Specific controls |             |                |               | Last SCA Test Date | Assessment Procedure   | Pass / Fail / Compensated | If Control Failed, associated POA&M # | If Control Failed, what is Impact (H/M/L)? | POA&M Scheduled Completion Date | If Risk Accepted, associated WEAR artifact # | Next SCA Test Date |
|----|--------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----|--|-------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|--------------------|
|    |                    |               | DHS/CIS CISO Program | DC1 Level 1 |                       |     | ISSO Tested?   | SCA Tested? | ISSO Frequency | SCA Frequency |                    |  |                           |                                       |  |                                 |  |                    |
| 8  | Access Enforcement | AC-3          |                      |             | System-Specific       | N/A | No   | Yes         | N/A            | 3 years       | 11/9/2017          | For each system layer (e.g. O/S, web database, interview the SO/ISSO/SA; identify each user group and the... | Pass                      |                                       | Moderate                                   |                                 |  | 11/9/2020          |
| 12 | Least Privilege    | AC-6          |                      |             | System-Specific       | N/A | No   | Yes         | N/A            | 18 months     | 11/9/2017          | For each system layer (e.g. O/S, web database, interview the SO/ISSO/SA; identify each user group and the... | Pass                      |                                       | Moderate                                   |                                 |  | 5/9/2019           |

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# UPDATING THE CAT

## APPROVED WEAR



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- Step 15: Add any approved WEAR not previously included on the CAT.
  - Scenario: Overdue POA&M 73 now has a USCIS-approved waiver.
    - Update *If Risk Accepted, associated WEAR artifact with WEAR number* field to include the tracking number for the waiver, CIS-2017-W-056.
    - Update the CAT with the DHS tracking number once it is received. This can be included in the notes column along with the WEAR expiration date.

| #  | Control Name   | Control Ref # | Control Applicability | Only applies to Partially | Last SCA Test Date | Assessment Procedure  | Pass / Fail / Compensated | If Control Failed, associated POA&M # | If Control Failed, what is Impact (H/M/L)? | POA&M Scheduled Completion Date | If Risk Accepted, associated WEAR artifact # | Notes                            | Next SCA Test Date |
|----|--|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|
|    |  |               |                       | SCA Frequency             |                    |   |                           |                                       |  |                                 |  |                                  |                    |
| 24 | Permitted Actions Without Identification Or Authentication | AC-14         | System-Specific       | 5 years                   | 10/28/2017         | Interview the SO/ISSO/AO; determine what actions can be performed without I&A. Examine the SP; validate that a rationale is | Fail                      | 73                                    | Low  | 5/28/2018                       | CIS-2017-W-056                               | USCIS Approved - Exp: 09/28/2018 | 10/28/2022         |
| 25 | Remote Access  | AC-17         | System-Specific       | 18 months                 | 11/6/2017          | Interview the SO/ISSO/SA; identify the different remote access methods.<br><br>Examine (for each remote access method)      |                           |                                       | Moderate                                   |                                 |  |                                  | 5/6/2019           |

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# UPDATING THE CAT

## PRIVACY CONTROLS



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- The DHS Privacy Office is responsible for testing privacy controls. Record N/A in the Pass/Fail column of the CAT for the privacy controls until the results are received.

| #   | Control Name                   | Control Ref #   | Control Requirement   | Inherited Controls   |             | Privacy System | Control Applicability | Only applies to Partially Inherited and System-Specific controls |  | Last SCA Test Date | Assessment Procedure  | Pass / Fail / Compensated | Next SCA Test Date |
|-----|--------------------------------|-----------------|---|----------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|--|--|--------------------|---|---------------------------|--------------------|
|     |                                |                 |   | DHS/CIS CISO Program | DC1 Level 1 |                |                       | SCA Frequency  | Frequency Justification  |                    |   |                           |                    |
| 413 | Purpose Specification          | AP-2            | The organization describes the purpose(s) for which personally identifiable information (PII) is collected, used, maintained, and shared in its privacy notices.  |                      |             | X              | Privacy Office        | N/A  | While unlikely to change once established, this control merits increased scrutiny. |                    | Examine the privacy notice; validate the purpose for which PII is collected, used, maintained, and shared is included. Generate screenshot of | N/A                       | N/A                |
| 414 | Governance And Privacy Program | AR-1            | The organization:<br>a. Appoints a Senior Agency Official for Privacy (SAOP)/Chief Privacy Officer (CPO) accountable for developing, implementing, and maintaining an organization-wide A PTA shall be conducted as part of new information system development or whenever an existing system is significantly modified. PTA artifacts expire after three years and a new PTA must be |                      |             | X              | Privacy Office        | N/A  | Unlikely to change once established  |                    | Interview the CPO; validate an organization wide governance program has been developed/implemented/maintained. s/he                           | N/A                       | N/A                |
| 416 | DHS Privacy Impact Assessment  | AR-2 (3.14.2.a) | A PTA shall be conducted as part of new information system development or whenever an existing system is significantly modified. PTA artifacts expire after three years and a new PTA must be   |                      |             | N/A            | Privacy Office        | N/A  | PIA should be reviewed and updated, if necessary, annually                         |                    | Examine the PTA; validate the PTA is current, and generate screenshot.  | N/A                       | N/A                |
| 417 | DHS Privacy Impact Assessment  | AR-2 (3.14.2.b) | A PTA shall be conducted whenever an information system undergoes security authorization.   |                      |             | N/A            | Privacy Office        | N/A  | PIA should be reviewed and updated, if necessary, annually                         |                    | Examine the PTA; validate the PTA was conducted in conjunction with the SA&A effort, and generate screenshot.                                 | N/A                       | N/A                |

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- Once the DHS Privacy Office has tested the controls, if all controls passed, they will set the *Privacy Assessment (Task 2)* in IACS to *Complete* and notify the USCIS Privacy Office.
- The USCIS Privacy Office will notify Information Security Division (ISD), and ISD will notify the ISSO.
- If any of the privacy controls fail, DHS will notify the USCIS Privacy Office and USCIS Privacy will coordinate further with ISD and the ISSO to complete the necessary actions.



# UPDATING THE CAT PRIVACY CONTROLS



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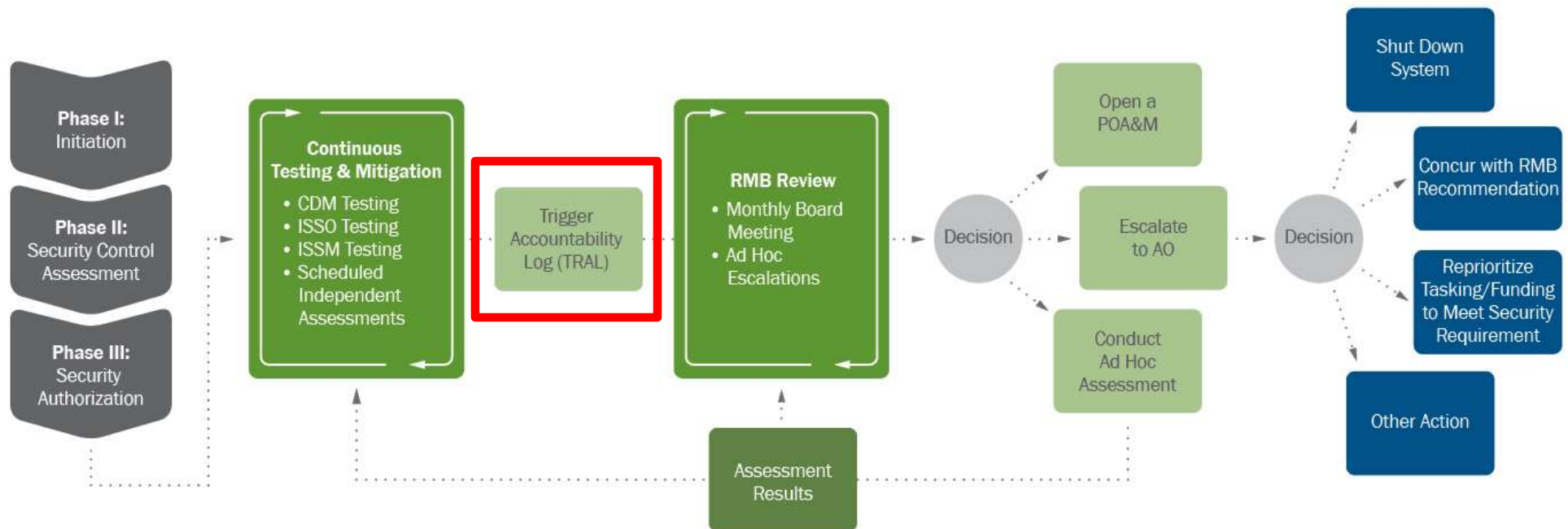
- Once the ISSO receives notification from ISD that all privacy controls have passed, the ISSO shall update the Last SCA Test Date column and Pass/Fail column accordingly.

| #   | Control Name                   | Control Ref #   | Privacy System | Control Applicability | Only applies to Partially Inherited and System-Specific controls |  | Last SCA Test Date | Assessment Procedure   | Pass / Fail / Compensated | If Control Failed, associated POA&M # | If Control Failed, what is Impact (H/M/L)? | POA&M Scheduled Completion Date | If Risk Accepted, associated WEAR artifact # | Next SCA Test Date |
|-----|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|--|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|--------------------|
|     |                                |                 |                |                       | SCA Frequency  | Frequency Justification  |                    |  |                           |                                       |  |                                 |  |                    |
| 413 | Purpose Specification          | AP-2            | X              | Privacy Office        | N/A  | While unlikely to change once established, this control merits increased scrutiny. | 11/8/2017          | Examine the privacy notice; validate the purpose for which PII is collected, used, maintained, and shared is included. Generate screenshot of applicable interview the CPO; validate an organization-wide governance program has been developed/implemented/maintained. s/he | Pass                      |                                       | Moderate                                   |                                 |  | N/A                |
| 414 | Governance And Privacy Program | AR-1            | X              | Privacy Office        | N/A  | Unlikely to change once established  | 11/8/2017          | Examine the PTA; validate the PTA is current, and generate screenshot.   | Pass                      |                                       | Low  |                                 |  | N/A                |
| 416 | DHS Privacy Impact Assessment  | AR-2 (3.14.2.a) | N/A            | Privacy Office        | N/A  | PIA should be reviewed and updated, if necessary, annually                         | 11/8/2017          | Examine the PTA; validate the PTA was conducted in conjunction with the SA&A effort, and generate screenshot.  | Pass                      |                                       | High                                       |                                 |  | N/A                |
| 417 | DHS Privacy Impact Assessment  | AR-2 (3.14.2.b) | N/A            | Privacy Office        | N/A  | PIA should be reviewed and updated, if necessary, annually                         | 11/8/2017          |  | Pass                      |                                       | High                                       |                                 |  | N/A                |

# USCIS OA PROGRAM: RISK MONITORING



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- TRAL: Ensures all risk-related activities are recorded and managed.
  - USCIS tracks risk proactively via the TRAL.
  - High severity triggers (risk events) are escalated to the OA Manager as they occur.

# WHAT IS A TRIGGER?



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- A Trigger is defined as an unidentified event or significant change to the system or its controls, which may change the security posture of the system.
- Triggers are:
  - Detected through ISSO assessments, CDM activities, independent assessments, ISSM assessments, and/or manual monitoring.
  - Recorded in the TRAL and monitored by the ISSO.
  - Escalated within the TRAL to the OA Manager for initial review and then to the RMB for risk-based recommendations.



# TRIGGER ATTRIBUTES



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- Triggers are categorized into 4 groups: People, Processes, Technology, and Discretionary Frequency
- Triggers can be either routine or non-routine
  - Routine: triggers that are normal or scheduled occurrences
  - Non-routine: triggers that are out-of-cycle, anomalies, or of unknown origin or activity
- Discretionary Frequency Triggers
  - Triggers that fall outside of the Routine/Non-routine category (e.g., Management decides that an assessment is needed due to an excessive number of triggers)



# DATA FIELDS ON THE TRAL



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| USCIS TRigger Accountability Log |               |               |                           |                 |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Trigger ID                       | Date Recorded | Observed Date | Estimated Completion Date | Resolution Date |

- Trigger ID: Derived from the FISMA ID, followed by a sequential number. This number is manually input.
  - Example: CIS-03516-00001
- Date Recorded: Date trigger was recorded on the TRAL. May not be the same as the Observed Date. Recognizes a lag time between events and tracking.
- Date Observed: Date the trigger occurred or was observed.
- Estimated Completion Date: Date the trigger is expected to be resolved.
- Resolution Date: This field is only completed for triggers once they have been closed/ resolved.

# DATA FIELDS ON THE TRAL



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USCIS TRigger Accountability Log

| FISMA ID | System Name | Trigger Type | Description | Category | Severity | Impacted Controls | Tested Controls | Test Results |
|----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|
|----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|

FISMA ID: **Drop down selections** - FISMA ID of the system.

System Name: **Drop down selections** - Displayed as an acronym.

Trigger Type: **Drop down selections** - Indicates what category the trigger is related to; Database, General, Informational, O/S, POA&M, or Vulnerability.

Description: Clear, concise description of the trigger event.

Category: **Drop down selections** - People, Processes, Technology.

Severity: **Drop down selections** - 1=Severe mission and operations impact, 2=Mission and operations impact, 3=Non-Routine requiring immediate attention, 4=Routine Support

Impacted Controls: NIST/ DHS control(s) impacted by the trigger event.

Tested Controls: This field is only completed for triggers once they have been closed/ resolved and should reflect the NIST/DHS controls tested to validate resolution.

Test Results: **Drop down selections** - This field is only completed for triggers once they have been closed/ resolved and should depict the results of the test(s).

# DATA FIELDS ON THE TRAL



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| USCIS TRigger Accountability Log |                |                   |                  |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Escalation Path                  | Recommendation | Action/Resolution | General Comments |

- Escalation Path: **Drop down selections** - No Escalation Needed, Escalated to Ongoing Authorization Risk Management Board (ORMB), Escalated to ORMB/Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Escalated to ORMB/CISO/AO.
  - Use the Trigger Severity Matrix as a guide to determine the recommended Escalation Path, the OA Manager will adjust as needed (see slide 43).
- Recommendation: This field is used by the ISSO/OA Team to recommend a course of action to the RMB.
- Action/ Resolution: This field is used by the ISSO/OA Team to record the RMB's decision on the course of action. For resolved triggers, this field includes a brief description of how the trigger was resolved.
- General Comments: This field is to be used by the ISSO to provide a general status and additional information concerning the trigger event. Include the date of the update as well.

# ITEMS TO RECORD ON THE TRAL



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- All incidents
- All POA&Ms are triggers, but all triggers are not POA&Ms
- All Information Security Vulnerability Management (ISVM) Alert notices affecting the system
- Change Requests (CRs) that have been determined could have a security impact
- Change in hardware/software
- Changes in personnel/ support teams/contracts
- Any controls that failed when tested in accordance with the CAT
- Sudden changes in Continuous Monitoring scan results for Anti-Virus, Critical/High/Medium Vulnerabilities, or Hardening



# TRIGGER SEVERITY MATRIX: RISK THRESHOLD



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- The risk threshold is a function of the system's FIPS 199 categorization and the trigger severity.

|   |      | Trigger Severity |   |   |   |
|---|------|------------------|---|---|---|
|   |      | 4                | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| FIPS 199<br>Categorization<br>of System | LOW  |                  |   |   |   |
|   | MOD  |                  |   |   |   |
|   | HIGH |                  |   |   |   |
|   |      |                  |   |   |   |
|   |      |                  |   |   |   |
|   |      |                  |   |   |   |

## Severity Indicators:

1 = Severe mission and operations impact

2 = Mission and operations Impact

3 = Non-routine requiring immediate attention

4 = Routine support

# TRIGGER SEVERITY MATRIX: TRIGGER SEVERITY INDEX



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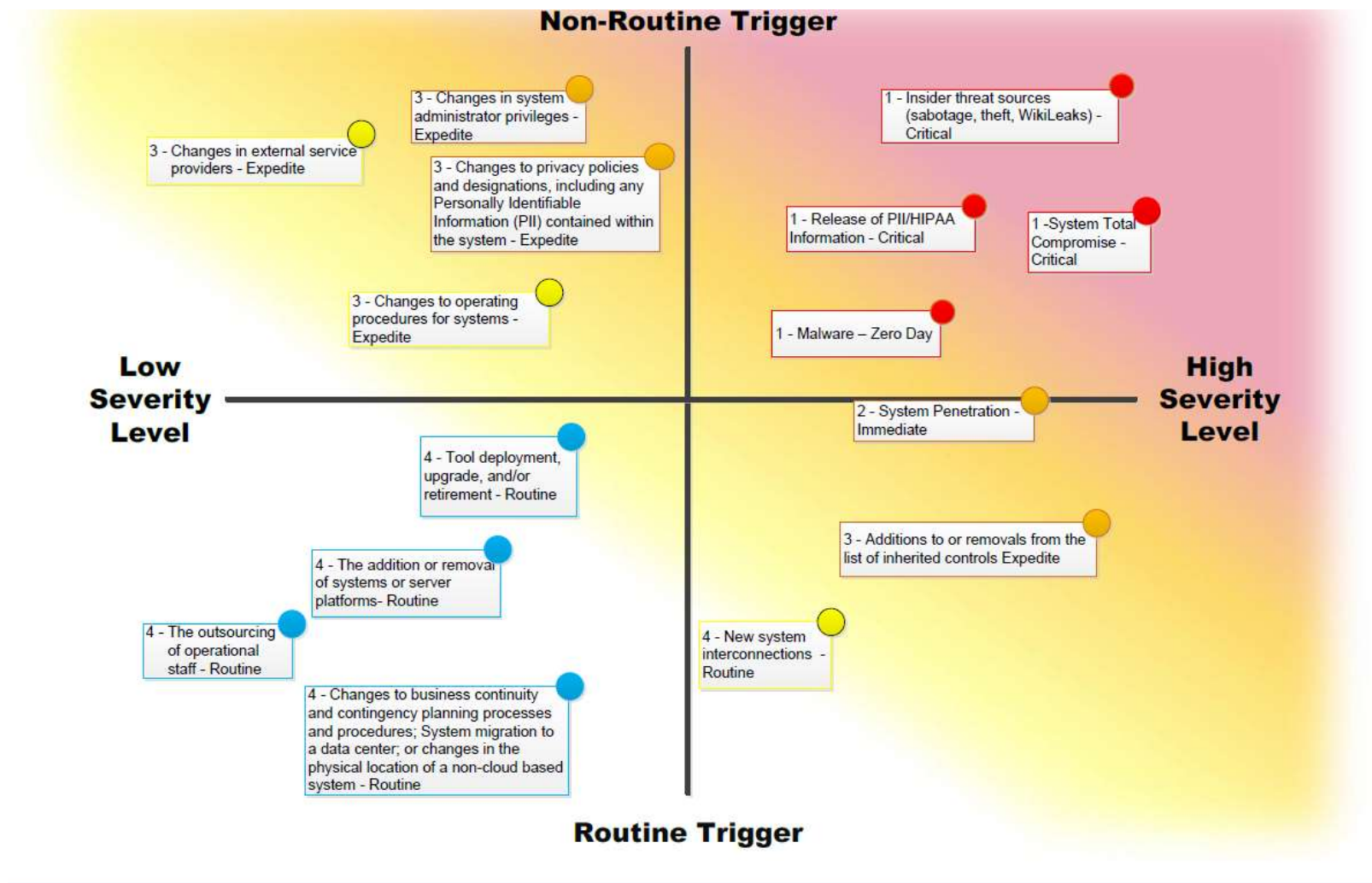
- DHS OA Methodology, Appendix G: Trigger Severity Index provides examples of triggers identified by grouping of people, processes, and technology. The table does not list all possible triggers, but is a representative sampling of the most common and prevalent types.

| Severity | Description                                   | Response |
|----------|---|----------|
| People   |   |          |
| 1        | Insider threat sources (e.g. sabotage, theft) | Critical |
| 1        | Release of PII/HIPAA Information              | Critical |
| 3        | Changes in external service providers         | Expedite |
| 3        | Changes in system administrator privileges    | Expedite |
| 4        | The outsourcing of operational staff          | Routine  |

# TRIGGER SEVERITY EXAMPLES



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# TRAL CONDITIONAL FORMATTING



- System-Level TRALs include conditional formatting to increase visibility to the following triggers:
  - Open triggers that are older than 90 days – Highlighted Red
  - Triggers with Estimated Completion Date (ECD) in the Past – Highlighted Yellow

| Trigger ID      | Date Recorded | Observed Date | Estimated Completion Date | Resolution Date | FISMA ID            | System Name | Trigger Type  | Description   |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------|---|
| CIS-00829-00945 | 10/5/2017     | 10/01/2017    | 3/28/2018                 |                 | CIS-00822-MAJ-00079 | ACME        | Informational | Asset Management ACME inventory<br>Inventory changing between 118 and 160 assets.               |
| CIS-00829-00946 | 12/27/2017    | 12/27/2017    | 2/28/2018                 |                 | CIS-00822-MAJ-00079 | ACME        | Vulnerability | New High vulnerabilities identified on Splunk Dashboard .<br>Plugin Vulnerability               |
| CIS-00829-00947 | 1/9/2018      | 1/9/2018      | 4/1/2018                  |                 | CIS-00822-MAJ-00079 | ACME        | Vulnerability | High vulnerabilities identified on Splunk Dashboard Jan 9, 2018.<br>Plugin Vulnerability Number |



# TRAL QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE



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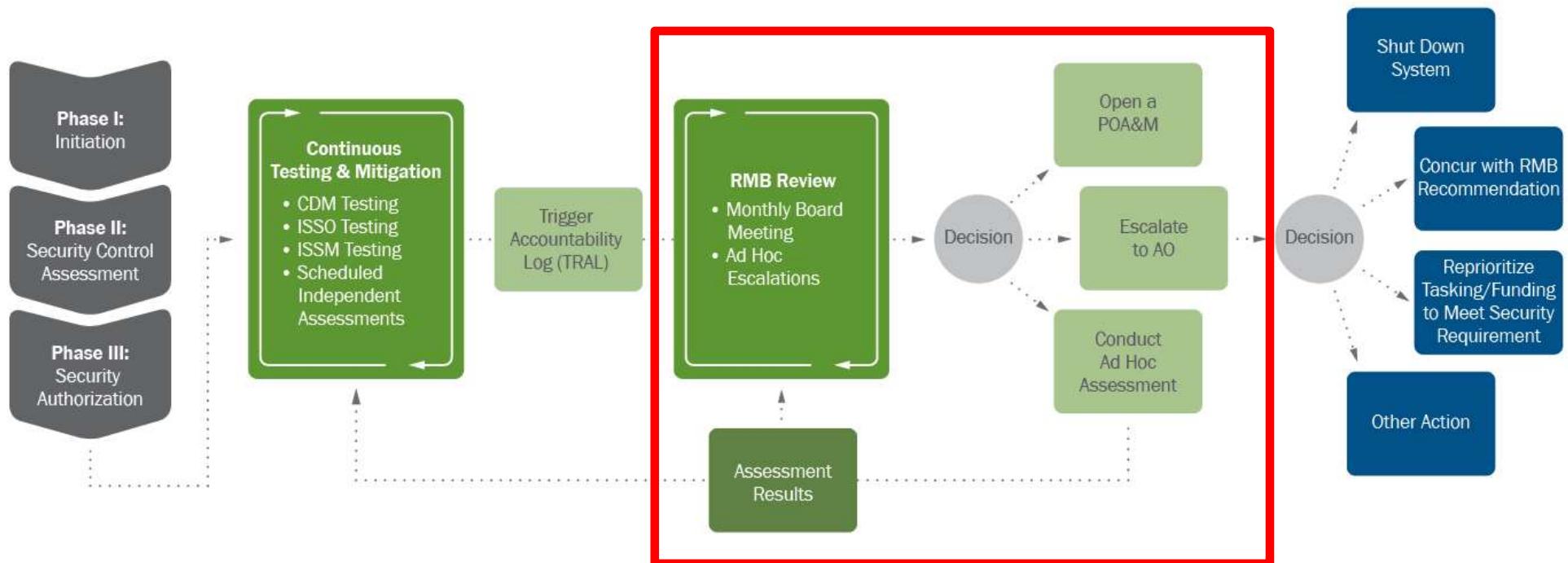
- The USCIS OA TRAL Quick Reference Guide is located within the OA Policy, Training and Documentation Library.
- This document is intended to provide guidance on how to complete each column of the system-level TRAL and identify areas of focus for ISSOs and TRAL reviewers.

| TRAL Column Title  | Review Criteria  |
|--------------------|--|
| <b>Description</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This column should include a brief description of the issue and the potential risk. A clear, concise description should address these questions: what, where, who, when, and how.</li><li>• If a trigger is related to a POA&amp;M, ensure the description matches the POA&amp;M weakness description in IACS and identifies the POA&amp;M number in bold.</li><li>• Ensure that no IP addresses or host names are included in the description.</li><li>• The trigger description should not be modified after initial entry. All new updates should be added under the General Comments column.</li></ul> |

# USCIS OA PROGRAM: RMB



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- RMB Meetings: Participate in monthly collaborative meetings where Board members review and monitor system security posture.
- RMB decides course of action in managing risk.



# MONTHLY OA RMB MEETINGS



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- RMB meetings are conducted monthly where members review the security posture of each system participating in the OA Program.
- Reporting elements have evolved considerably since the inception of the Program.
- Action items are tracked to closure and status is reported monthly.
- Escalated triggers are reviewed to determine course of action.

| ACME: OA Trending Data                     |                |           |                |      |               |  |                  |                |                |                |   |                |                     |                    |                        | C-I-A: M-M-L |     |                       |                    |         |                         |  |  |
|--|----------------|-----------|----------------|------|---------------|--|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------|-----|-----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------------|--|--|
| ISSO: Wile E. Coyote<br>ITPM: Yosemite Sam |                |           |                |      |               | Weakness: 100%   |                  |                | HW Assets: 98% |                |   | SW Assets: 86% |                     |                    | Vuln Mgmt: 100%        |              |     | Config Mgmt: 66%      |                    |         | Anti-Phish/Malware: 33% |  |  |
| OS Trending                                |                |           |                |      |               | POA&M Trending   |                  |                |                |                | Web Scan Trending   |                |                     |                    | Database Scan Trending |              |     |                       | Code Scan Trending |         |                         |  |  |
|  | Hardening      | Antivirus | Critical       | High | Medium        | Open   | Overdue          | Due in 30 Days | Due in 60 Days | Due in 90 Days | WebInspect  |                |                     |                    | DbProtect              |              |     | ARCAT                 |                    | Fortify |                         |  |  |
|  |                |           |                |      |               |  |                  |                |                |                | Critical  | High           | Mod                 | Low                | High                   | Mod          | Low | Pass                  | Fail               | Pass    | Fail                    |  |  |
| Feb  | 77%            | 0%        | 26             | 96   | 686           | 0  | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0              | -   | -              | -                   | -                  | -                      | -            | 167 | 22                    | N/A                | N/A     |                         |  |  |
| Jan  | 77%            | 55%       | 17             | 250  | 788           | 0  | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0   | 4              | 2                   | 18                 | -                      | -            | 324 | 54                    | N/A                | N/A     |                         |  |  |
| Dec  | 82%            | 62%       | 25             | 302  | 773           | 0  | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0   | 3              | 22                  | 54                 | 1                      | 13           | 11  | 165                   | 27                 | N/A     | N/A                     |  |  |
| Nov  | 80%            | 59%       | 0              | 189  | 858           | 0  | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0              | 1   | 3              | 4                   | 62                 | 2                      | 12           | 10  | 156                   | 5                  | N/A     | N/A                     |  |  |
| Oct  | 80%            | 85%       | 27             | 433  | 1177          | 0  | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0   | 3              | 4                   | 15                 | 2                      | 12           | 10  | 156                   | 5                  | N/A     | N/A                     |  |  |
| Sep  | 95%            | 92%       | 32             | 170  | -             | 0  | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0              | 162   | 4              | 69                  | 105                | 3                      | 7            | 4   | 156                   | 5                  | N/A     | N/A                     |  |  |
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| Auth Scans: 92                             |                |           |                |      |               |  |                  |                |                |                |   |                |                     |                    |                        |              |     |                       |                    |         |                         |  |  |
| CredCoverage: 97%                          |                |           |                |      |               |  |                  |                |                |                |   |                |                     |                    |                        |              |     |                       |                    |         |                         |  |  |
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| Next Assessment: 09/02/18                  |                |           |                |      |               | Last Assessment: 10/05/14  |                  |                |                | Decommission:  |   |                |                     | OA Entry: 08/22/12 |                        |              |     | Location(s): DC1, AWS |                    |         |                         |  |  |

# MONTHLY OA RMB MEETINGS



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- Each system is scheduled for monthly RMB meetings to review the previous six (6) months of data and current POA&M status.
- The meetings are presented using Adobe Connect. The meeting invitation includes links to the meeting site and the meeting materials.
- Due dates associated with the RMB meeting are posted within the OA Calendar on the OA ECN Site.
  - OA Compliance items include: CAT updates, TRAL updates, Account Management, and Audit Log Review Trackers



# COLLABORATE WITH THE OA TEAM



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- Approximately two days prior to an RMB meeting, the OA Team will coordinate with the ISSOs to gather the status on action items assigned at previous RMB meetings.
- The OA Team reviews the TRALs for triggers that require escalation to the RMB and possibly for further escalation to the AO. The OA Team will collaborate with the ISSOs if there are any questions during the reviews.
- The POA&M Management Team also coordinates with ISSOs to gather statuses on POA&Ms and WEAR, and ensure the TRAL is updated prior to the RMB meeting.
- The system TRALs are reviewed by the OA Manager during the monthly RMB meetings.

# RESEARCH DOWNWARD TRENDS



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- Approximately two days prior to the monthly RMB meeting, the OA Team develops a data trending slide for each system.
- Data trending slides are posted in each system's library on the OA ECN site.
- ISSOs are to research any changed trends from the Nessus scan results, and/or relating to overdue POA&Ms or POA&Ms coming due within 90 days. ISSOs should come to the RMB meetings prepared to discuss these items.

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| OS Trending |           |           |          |      | POA&M Trending |      |         |                |                | Web Scan Trending |            |      |     | Database Scan Trending |           |     |     | Code Scan Trending |      |         |      |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|------|----------------|------|---------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------|------|-----|------------------------|-----------|-----|-----|--------------------|------|---------|------|
|             | Hardening | Antivirus | Critical | High | Medium         | Open | Overdue | Due in 30 Days | Due in 60 Days | Due in 90 Days    | WebInspect |      |     |                        | DbProtect |     |     | ARCAT              |      | Fortify |      |
|             |           |           |          |      |                |      |         |                |                |                   | Critical   | High | Mod | Low                    | High      | Mod | Low | Pass               | Fail | Pass    | Fail |
| Feb         | 77%       | 0%        | 26       | 96   | 686            | 0    | 0       | 0              | 0              | 0                 | -          | -    | -   | -                      | -         | -   | -   | 167                | 22   | N/A     | N/A  |
| Jan         | 77%       | 55%       | 17       | 250  | 788            | 0    | 0       | 0              | 0              | 0                 | 0          | 4    | 2   | 18                     | -         | -   | -   | 324                | 54   | N/A     | N/A  |
| Dec         | 82%       | 62%       | 25       | 302  | 773            | 0    | 0       | 0              | 0              | 0                 | 0          | 3    | 22  | 54                     | 1         | 13  | 11  | 165                | 27   | N/A     | N/A  |
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Account Management- Account Management missing a month review

|               |         |         |         |         |       |             |           |        |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------------|-----------|--------|
| OA Compliance | CPT     | PTA     | SP      | FIPS    | CMP   | BACKUP SITE | ACCT MGMT | CAT    |
|               | 6/21/18 | 8/26/19 | 4/30/18 | 1/22/19 | -     |             | 1/7/18    | 2/8/18 |
|               | CP      | PIA     | SORN    | eAUTH   | ISA   | MOU/MOA     | AUDIT LOG | TRAL   |
|               | 7/25/18 | USCIS   | USCIS   | 1/29/19 | O-O-O | -           | 2/6/18    | 2/9/18 |

Next Assessment: 09/02/18

Last Assessment: 10/05/14

Decommission:

OA Entry: 08/22/12

Location(s): DC1, AWS



# REPORT PROGRESS ON WEB & DB ISSUES



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- Data on recent Web and Database scans will also be presented at the monthly RMB meeting. ISSOs should come prepared to discuss progress in addressing critical and high findings. The scans are posted on the system's library on the SCA ECN.
- Code scan results will also be reviewed (if applicable).

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OS Trending

POA&M Trending

Web Scan Trending

Database Scan Trending

Code Scan Trending

|     | Hardening | Antivirus | Critical | High | Medium | Open | Overdue | Due in 30 Days | Due in 60 Days | Due in 90 Days | WebInspect |      |     |     | DbProtect |     |     | ARCAT |      | Fortify |      |
|-----|-----------|-----------|----------|------|--------|------|---------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|------|-----|-----|-----------|-----|-----|-------|------|---------|------|
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OA Compliance

CPT 6/21/18

PTA 8/26/19

SP 4/30/18

FIPS 1/22/19

CMP -

BACKUP SITE

ACCT MGMT 1/7/18

CAT 2/8/18

CP 7/25/18

PIA USCIS

SORN USCIS

eAUTH 1/29/19

ISA 0-0-0

MOU/MOA -

AUDIT LOG 2/6/18

TRAL 2/9/18

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OA Entry: 08/22/12

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For reference, the [OA RMB Data Trending Slide Criteria](#) is posted on the OA ECN.

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- **ISSO:** ISSO Name
- **ITPM:** ITPM Name
- **C-I-A:** System's Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability
- Data from the FISMA Scorecard:
  - **Weakness:** Weakness Remediation score - % of POA&Ms meeting timeliness and quality checks
  - **HW Assets:** Hardware assets score- %
  - **SW Assets:** Software assets score- %
  - **Vuln. Mgmt.:** Vulnerability Management score - % of assets meeting threshold of assigned risk value for critical and high Common Vulnerability Enumerations (CVEs)
  - **Config. Mgmt.:** Configuration Management score - % applicable assets meeting threshold of assigned risk value for configuration setting benchmark
  - **Anti-Phish/ Malware:** Antivirus/Anti-Phishing/Malware - % assets meeting endpoint security requirements



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|     | OS Trending |           |          |      |        | POA&M Trending |         |                |                |                | Web Scan Trending |      |     |     | Database Scan Trending |     |     | Code Scan Trending |      |         |      |
|-----|-------------|-----------|----------|------|--------|----------------|---------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|------|-----|-----|------------------------|-----|-----|--------------------|------|---------|------|
|     | Hardening   | Antivirus | Critical | High | Medium | Open           | Overdue | Due in 30 Days | Due in 60 Days | Due in 90 Days | WebInspect        |      |     |     | DbProtect              |     |     | ARCAT              |      | Fortify |      |
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- OS Trending data
  - **Hardening:** Hardening score from SC5, as reported on the Splunk OA Dashboard
  - **Anti-virus:** Anti-virus score from SC5, as reported on the Splunk OA Dashboard
  - **Critical:** Number of Critical severity vulnerabilities from SC5, as reported on Splunk OA Dashboard
  - **High:** Number of High severity vulnerabilities from SC5, as reported on Splunk OA Dashboard
  - **Medium:** Number of Medium severity vulnerabilities from SC5, as reported on Splunk OA Dashboard
- POA&M Trending data
  - **Open:** # POA&Ms in IACS in the following statuses: In Progress, Waiver, Exception, Delayed
  - **Overdue:** # POA&Ms in IACS in Delayed status
  - **Due in 30 days:** # POA&Ms with a Scheduled Completion Date within 30 days
  - **Due in 60 days:** # POA&Ms with a Scheduled Completion Date within 60 days
  - **Due in 90 days:** # POA&Ms with a Scheduled Completion Date within 90 days

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- **WebInspect Findings**
  - # critical, high, moderate, and low findings averaged across # websites scanned
- **DbProtect Findings**
  - # high, moderate, and low findings averaged across # database instances scanned
- **ARCAT findings**
  - Total # of pass and fail findings scanned (cloud systems only)
- **Code scanning (Fortify) findings**
  - Total # of pass and fail findings scanned (cloud systems only)



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| Next Assessment: 09/02/18 |                | Last Assessment: 10/05/14 |               | Decommission:    |              | OA Entry: 08/22/12 |                     | Location(s): DC1, AWS |

- **Contingency Plan Test (CPT) Compliance:** CPT expiration date
- **Contingency Plan (CP) Compliance:** CP expiration date
- **Privacy Threshold Analysis (PTA) Compliance:** PTA expiration date
- **Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) Compliance:** PIA status (required and current, update required, or N/A)
- **Security Plan (SP) Compliance:** Annual SP due date
- **System of Records Notice (SORN):** SORN status (required and current, update required, or N/A)
- **FIPS Compliance:** Annual FIPS 199 review due date
- **eAUTH (eAuthentication) Compliance:** Annual eAuthentication review due date
- **Configuration Management Plan (CMP) Compliance:** CMP due date (not yet required)
- **Interconnection Security Analysis (ISA):** ISA status (Expired/ Upcoming/ Current)
- **Backup Site:** Hot, Warm, or Cold backup site as identified by the system's CP
- **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/ Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Compliance:** MOU/MOA status (not yet required)

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- **Account Management Reviews**
  - Account management reviews conducted and entered into the Account Management Tracker within 4 weeks of the RMB
- **Audit Log Reviews**
  - Audit log reviews conducted and entered into the Audit Log Tracker within 1 week of the RMB
- **CAT Compliance-** CAT updated and all *Next Test Dates* current (no overdue controls)
- **TRAL Compliance-** TRAL reviewed and updated within 4 weeks of the RMB

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Account Management- Account Management missing a month review

- **#Assets and Auth Scans:** Number of assets in the system and number of authenticated scans reported on the Splunk OA Dashboard
- **Cred Coverage:** Identifies percentage of assets having received a compliance scan, or both
- **System Notes:** Notes requested by OA Manager or recommended by ISSO
- **Compliance Notes:** Notes provided by OA Team

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- **Next Assessment:** Date of upcoming OA assessment
- **Last Assessment:** Date of last OA assessment
- **Decommission:** System's decommissioning date
- **OA Entry:** Date of system's entry to the OA Program
- **Location:** Physical location of the system's assets



# POST RMB MEETING ACTIVITIES



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| Action Number ▾ | Action Item Description ▾                                | Date Originator ▾ | Completion Date ▾ | Status ▾ | Assigned To ▾ |
|-----------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|----------|---------------|
| System-5        | Add a trigger regarding CPT. ISSO should schedule a CPT. | 3/15/2017         | 3/16/2017         | Complete | ISSO          |
| System-6        | Add a trigger for applicable ISVMs affecting the system  | 4/16/2017         | 4/28/2017         | Complete | ISSO          |

► ► TRAL **Action Items** Inventory

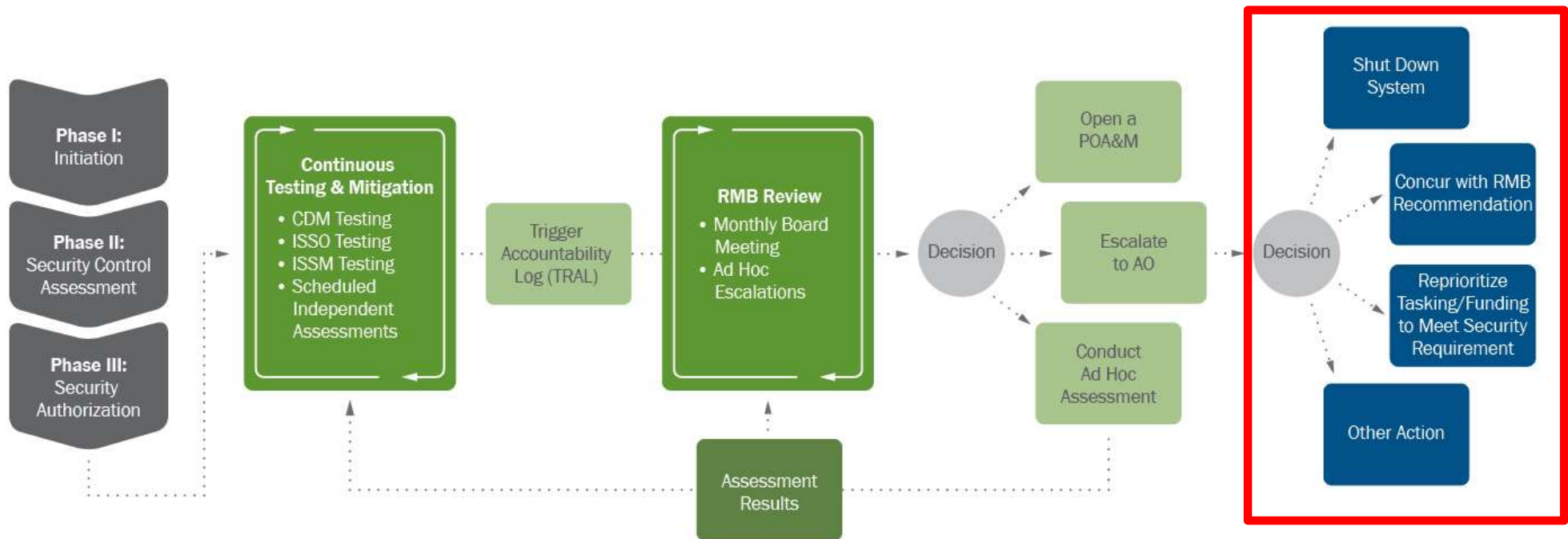
- After the RMB meeting, the OA Team updates the Action Items Tab of the system TRAL with any actions assigned.
- ISSOs are expected to update trigger events within the TRAL throughout the month to ensure adequate progress is made on addressing POA&Ms, assigned action items, and for escalating to the OA Team, OA Manager, and the RMB as needed.



# USCIS OA PROGRAM: AO ENGAGEMENT



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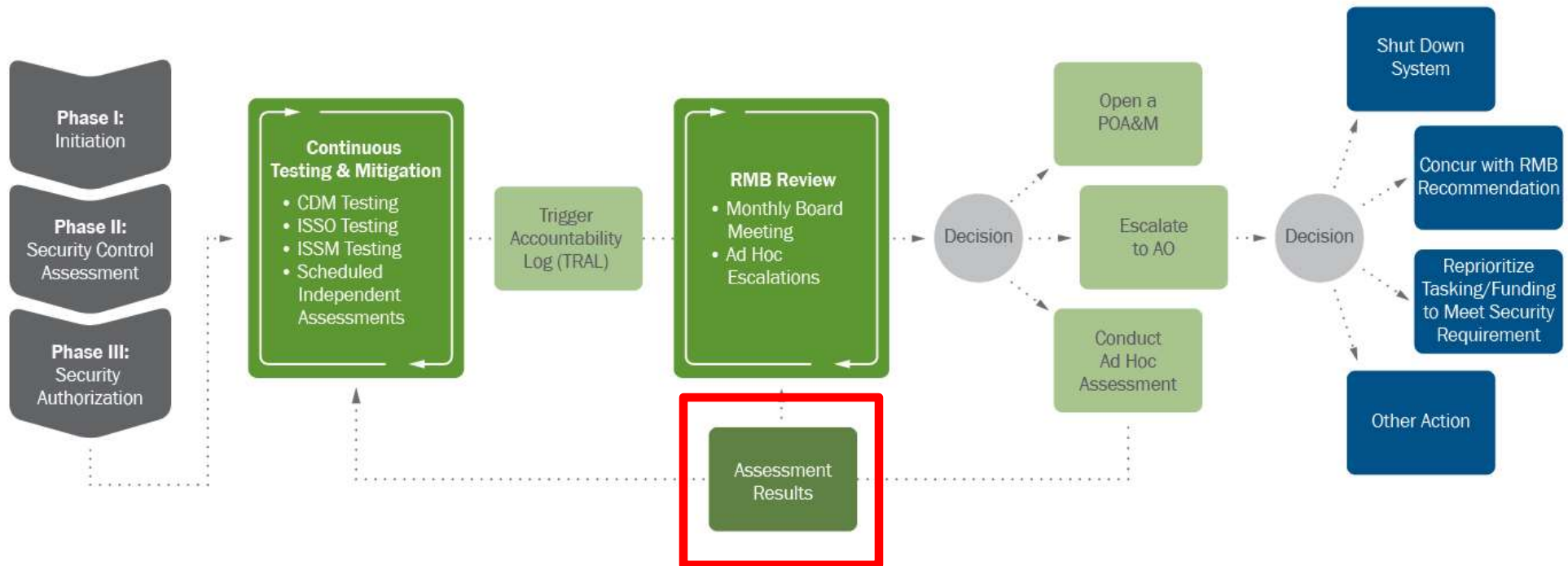


- Monthly meetings with CISO/AO to review security posture, POA&M status and remediation plans, and gain concurrence and/or new direction on risk-based decisions.
- Escalated triggers are also reviewed with the CISO/AO monthly.
  - The OA Team will collaborate with the ISSO to identify recommendations for remediation and next steps.

# USCIS OA PROGRAM: INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENTS



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- Periodic independent assessments occur according to the FIPS categorization of the system and/or at the discretion of the RMB and CISO/AO. Results from these assessments are further reviewed by the RMB.

# INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENTS



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- Limited: Includes controls that can be assessed through automated mechanisms.
- OA: The independent SCA Team tests controls in accordance with the CAT schedule to validate ISSO testing activities. However, the tested controls are a limited subset based on the OA methodology.
- Full: Similar to the SCA conducted as part of the traditional SAP process to obtain an initial ATO. Full assessments include all of the controls applicable to a system.
- Independent assessment results are documented in a Security Assessment Report (SAR) with any vulnerabilities identified further in a POA&M Table prior to entry into IACS.



# ECN: OA DOCUMENTS



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- All OA documents are stored and managed on ECN
  - System entry documentation, CAT, and TRAL
  - RMB meeting briefs, agendas, and actions
  - Templates, training, and other resources

The screenshot displays the USCIS ECN Ongoing Authorization page. The header includes the USCIS logo, the text "U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services", and the "Enterprise Collaboration ECN Network" logo. The breadcrumb trail reads: "USCIS ECN > Management > Sites > Offices > Office of Information Technology > Information Security Division > Risk Management Branch > Security Authorization Process (SAP) > Ongoing Authorization". The main content area is titled "Ongoing Authorization" and contains a paragraph explaining that Ongoing Authorization (OA) reduces the time and effort for compliance testing, more efficiently allocates system-specific resources, ensures prompt identification of risks, and facilitates up-to-date knowledge and system documentation. It also mentions that OA tracks and reports security posture in near real time, leverages Continuous Diagnostics & Mitigation (CDM) technologies to support authorization and operational decisions, and monitors volatile controls through defined frequencies and documented testing processes as well as periodic and event-driven testing and assessments. Below this, it states that USCIS recognizes the efficiencies to be gained through Ongoing Authorization and is one of the first Components to implement a Pilot Program. A section titled "ISD is committed to the success of the OA Program and will collaborate with each system team throughout the transition to ensure adequate training for successful execution of all duties supporting Ongoing Authorization." follows. The "OA Goals" section lists five goals: 1. Improve Baseline System Security Posture Index (SPI) by 20% within 6 months for each OA system. 2. Reduce overdue POA&Ms for OA systems to less than 10% within 6 months. 3. Tune system specific thresholds to generate at least three triggers for remediation per system per month and provide follow through for remediation of all trigger events by the RMB. 4. Develop a process with system teams and PAP coaches to facilitate a feedback loop into the development cycle for prioritization and remediation of system security weaknesses and improve feedback time to developers by 30%. 5. Further streamline SCA efforts to provide automated testing and reporting capabilities with system trending metrics for monthly board reviews which can also be leveraged at Security Authorization ATO meetings and Watch List meetings. On the right side, there is a "Site Facilitator" section with the text "No contact has been configured." and an "Ongoing Authorization Manager" section with a checkbox next to "Green, Christopher D IT Specialist (INFOSEC)". Below these are "Announcements" with a checkbox next to "Title" and a list of announcements: "CAT updates due 1/23", "Risk Management Board (RMB) Meetings 2/4 & 2/5", and "TRALs Due 1/28". There is also a link to "Add new announcement" and a link to "OA System Entry Schedule". On the left side, there is a "Libraries" section with links to "Master TRAL", "OA Templates", "OA Policy, Training and Documentation", "RMB Briefs and Agendas", "RMB Meeting Actions & Outcomes", "OA Authorizing Official Briefs", "OA ISSO Training Certificates", and "ICAM SSO". Below this is a "System Entry Schedule" section with a link to "OA Team Site" and a link to "Tags & Notes". At the bottom of the left sidebar is a link to "All Site Content".

# ECN: OA RMB CALENDAR



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- The OA RMB Calendar is populated with RMB meeting and OA compliance due dates and is available on the OA ECN.

## OA RMB Calendar

November, 2017

| Sunday | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday |
|--------|---|---|---|--|---|----------|
| 29     | 30<br>OA Compliance Due                           | 31  | 1<br>1:00 pm - 3:00 pm<br>OA RMB Meeting - ESS    | 2<br>OA Compliance Due                           | 3<br>10:00 am - 11:30 am<br>OA RMB Meeting - CM   | 4        |
| 5      | 6<br>10:00 am - 11:00 am<br>OA RMB Meeting - EHS  | 7<br>OA Compliance Due                            | 8<br>OA Compliance Due                            | 9<br>10:00 am - 12:30 pm<br>OA RMB Meeting - CM  | 10<br>OA Compliance Due                           | 11       |
| 12     | 13<br>OA Compliance Due                           | 14<br>10:00 am - 12:00 pm<br>OA RMB Meeting - ELI | 15<br>10:00 am - 12:00 pm<br>OA RMB Meeting - FDI | 16<br>OA Compliance Due                          | 17<br>10:00 am - 12:00 pm<br>OA RMB Meeting - CSI | 18       |
| 19     | 20<br>10:00 am - 11:30 am<br>OA RMB Meeting - eCI | 21<br>OA Compliance Due                           | 22  | 23<br>10:00 am - 12:00 pm<br>OA RMB Meeting - HC | 24<br>OA Compliance Due                           | 25       |
| 26     | 27<br>OA Compliance Due                           | 28<br>10:00 am - 12:00 pm<br>OA RMB Meeting - CS  | 29<br>OA Compliance Due                           | 30   | 1<br>10:00 am - 11:30 am<br>OA RMB Meeting - CM   | 2        |



# ECN: OA ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT LOGS



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- Acct. Management and Audit Logging Oversight ECN
  - Account Management Review and Audit Log Review Trackers are stored and maintained within the system libraries

The screenshot shows the web interface for the 'Acct. Management and Audit Logging Oversight' site. The header includes the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services logo, the site title, a 'Home' link, and the 'Enterprise Collaboration ECN Network' branding. A navigation bar contains links for 'Acct. Management and Audit Logging Oversight', 'RMB Work Areas', 'Links', 'USCIS Systems', and 'Systems' Profiles'. A breadcrumb trail indicates the current path: 'USCIS ECN > OIT > Offices > Office of Information Technology > Information Security Division > Risk Management Branch Management and Audit Logging Oversight'. On the left, a 'Libraries' sidebar lists 'Audit Log Templates', 'Acct. Management Templates', 'Audit Logging SOP', 'Privilege Users', 'Tags & Notes', and 'All Site Content'. The main content area features a yellow banner with the text 'Welcome to the Acct. Management and Audit Logging Oversight Site' and a message: 'To view a system's Account Management and Audit Log Tracker, please select the system library by clicking on the 'USCIS Systems' link above and select the system by name.'



# REFERENCES



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# QUESTIONS?