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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Completion of Remediation of OEI Assets for Audits 10-P-0210, Results of Technical Network Vulnerability Assessment: EPA's Andrew W. Breidenbach Environmental Research Center, 10-P-0211 Results of Technical Network Vulnerability Assessment: EPA's Erlanger Building and 10-P-0212 Results of Technical Network Vulnerability Assessment: EPA's Ronald Reagan Building

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Audit Report Date: September 7, 2010

Management Decision Date/OIG Close Date: N/A

In response to your October 31st memorandum for audits 10-P-0210, 10-P-0211, and 10-P-0212, the following information is provided:

Recommendation 1: Please provide a milestone date when the Office of Inspector General (OIG) will receive the status update for each vulnerability identified as being associated with an OEI IT system or asset.

Response #1: The Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M) entered and maintained in the Agency's Automated Security Self-Evaluation and Remediation Tracking system (ASSERT) are as follows; POA&M ID 160529 [10-P-0212], POA&M ID 160527 [10-P-0211] and POA&M ID 160528 [10-P-0210].

Recommendation 2: The OIG could not locate the Plan of Actions and Milestones (POA&M) ID 160529, 160527 and 160528 in ASSERT. Please email a screen shot of the POA&M to us.

Response #2: A final status screenshot for all POA&MS was provided on 01/07/11.

Recommendation 3: Please provide a milestone date when the technical vulnerability assessment will be completed.

Response #3: In accordance with the Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M), the internal technical vulnerability assessments were complete as of 12/17/10. Additionally, in accordance with NIST and our security plan, quarterly assessments are conducted as a part of our continuous monitoring activities. The assessments for FY11 Q1 were completed and provided to the operations team on 01/07/11 for action. Those actions will be entered in ASSERT under the appropriate system.

In accordance with your memorandum, all specific information associated with the remediation milestones will continue to be communicated separately due to the public nature of your reports versus the sensitive nature of the information required.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond. All appropriate Divisional resources are available upon request for additional information.