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# MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: EPA Region 4's Response to OIG's Results of Technical Network Vulnerability

Assessment (Report No. 10-P-0213, dated September 7, 2010)

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This memorandum contains our response to the final *Technical Network Vulnerability*Assessment Report No. 10-P-0213, dated September 7, 2010. I am pleased to report that

Recommendations 1 and 2 have been completed, and Recommendation 3 is scheduled for completion by November 1, 2010.

#### Recommendation 1:

Provide the OIG a status update for all identified high-risk and medium-risk vulnerability findings contained in this report.

# Response:

See separate report entitled Region 4 Comprehensive Response to High-Risk and Medium-Risk Vulnerability Findings (Attachment A).

### Recommendation 2:

Create plans of action and milestones in the Agency's Automated Security Self-Evaluation and Remediation Tracking system for all vulnerabilities that cannot be corrected within 30 days of this report.

#### Response:

Plans of Action and Milestones (POA&Ms) have been created in ASSERT for all vulnerabilities that cannot be corrected within 30 days (Attachment B).

### Recommendation 3:

Perform a technical vulnerability assessment test of assigned network resources within 60 days to confirm completion of remediation activities.

### Response:

The Region 4 LAN administrators plan to perform a technical vulnerability assessment test of assigned network resources no later than November 1, 2010 to confirm completion of remediation activities.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Donald Westra at (404) 562-8129 or by email at westra.donald@epa.gov.

#### Attachments (2)

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