FISSEA Security Awareness, Training, & Education Contest

Entry Form

Please review rules before completing entry form including the due date. No late entries will be accepted. E-mail entries to fissea-contest@nist.gov.

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Type of Entry: Role-Based Training & Education

Title of Entry: Lesson 2 Managing Laws and Regulations, Information Security for Chief Information Officers – Intermediate

Description of Entry:
The NASA IT Security Awareness and Training Center (ITSATC) is currently developing role-based training in accordance with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication 800-16, Information Technology Security Training Requirements: A Role- and Performance-Based Model. The NIST SP 800-16 recommends 46 modular components for building role-based training, with specifics for each role. The goal of the NASA ITSATC is to develop a role-based training course for every Agency role with significant security responsibility at a beginning, intermediate, and advanced level (as per the NIST SP 800-16). The ITSATC has completed 39 beginning and 23 intermediate modules. We currently offer the following courses at the beginning level:

- Certification Agents & Authorizing Officials (CA&AO)
- Chief Information Officers
- Organizational Computer Security Officials (or ISSOs)
- System Administrators
- System Owners (under revision as Information System Owners/Information Owners)

And we offer two courses at the intermediate level:

- Chief Information Officers
- System Administrators
Our training incorporates information from the other NIST SP publications that support FISMA, as well as other laws and NASA-specific information. Our courses are 508 and Shared Content Object Reference Model (SCORM) compliant, Learning Management System (LMS) compatible (i.e., tracking requirements), and operable in a Federal Desktop Core Configuration (FDCC) environment. As ISS LOB T2T providers, we have shared these role-based courses with 15-20 government agencies via CD at no charge. We routinely revise the courses based on feedback and updates in Federal and NASA guidelines/publications.

Chief Information Officers (CIOs) are the heart of NASA’s Information Security Program. The intermediate course was created to help CIOs and their staff better protect the information, information systems, and security programs they are responsible for. The course is available on SATERN (System for Administration, Training, and Educational Resources for NASA) to all NASA employees.

According to the NIST SP 800-16, managers should be able to understand applicable governing documents and their interrelationships and interpret and apply them to their area(s) of responsibility. Lesson 2, Managing Laws and Regulations, discusses the development of policies that reflect the legislative intent of applicable laws and regulations, including Federal Government-wide and NASA-published documents (laws, regulations, policies, guidelines, standards, and codes of conduct) governing mandated requirements and standards for the management and protection of Information Technology (IT) resources.

The objectives of Lesson 2 are to educate CIOs to better:

- Analyze the impact of information security laws and regulations applicable to their areas of responsibility.
- Determine how applicable laws and regulations affect their areas of responsibility and interact with organizational goals and existing policy.
- Apply mandated requirements and standards in the form of appropriate policies to their areas of responsibility.

Lesson 2 introduces the fundamental concepts needed to understand the subject and gives examples and practical exercises to reinforce, apply, and extend the learning. From each screen, learners can access a glossary, a list of acronyms, course URLs, a link for help with questions, the course map, and a text-only version. Screens can be printed. And if learners are interrupted and unable to complete a lesson at one sitting, they can set a bookmark and return to that screen at a later time. The conclusion provides a summary of the most important topics introduced in the lesson.
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Each lesson contains a list of Federal and NASA documents used as references. Links within the course open in a new page and provide a definition, additional information, or an applicable web page.
Managing Laws & Regulations

Analyzing the Impact of Information Security Laws and Regulations

As a Center CIO, you are responsible for developing a Center-wide Information Security Program that is: (1) based on the analysis of security risks and the cost-effective reduction of risks to an acceptable level, (2) applied throughout the life cycle of the information, information system, programs, and projects, and (3) measured and reviewed at least annually to validate effectiveness and ensure compliance with current Federal policies and guidance. The impact of information security laws and regulations on achieving a viable Center-wide Information Security Program is immense.

As a Center CIO you are responsible for ensuring the best use of information security resources and for encouraging the maximum reuse and sharing of security-related information. In addition, by following NIST SP 800-30 and using a risk-based framework like that found in NIST SP 800-53 you can maximize the use of limited resources to protect the most critical assets. This demonstrates compliance due diligence.

Information security due diligence is often undertaken during the IT procurement process to ensure risks are known and managed. Under FISMA guidance, the way agencies write requests for proposals and set standards for vulnerability and configuration scanning has changed. Requirements for monthly vulnerability scans with deadlines for correcting critical problems have resulted in more secure systems.

The guidelines in NIST SP 800-53 form a baseline of requirements that must be included in requests for proposals for information systems and services. The Agency cannot meet FISMA requirements unless its vendors are meeting them.
Screen 4 of 15 – Exercise for Application

Practical exercises reinforce, apply, and extend the learning and provide immediate, positive feedback.

Managing Laws & Regulations

Exercise for Application:

Information security laws and regulations mandate that information security be part of the entire System Development Life Cycle (SDLC) and not just an afterthought to building a system. How can this impact NASA's Information Security Program?

A. Eliminates the need to establish and maintain a unifying vision and strategic direction.

B. Eliminates the need for developing additional security controls to supplement the controls already in place.

C. Reduces the risk that any changes made to a system result in a compromise to system or data confidentiality, integrity, or availability.

D. Eliminates the need for modifying selected controls that are deemed to be less than effective.

That's Right!

C is the correct answer.
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Understanding the Effect of Laws and Regulations on NASA Policy

There are laws affecting the security of information systems in general. And each particular system might have specific guidelines. Review NASA policies and guidelines (NASA Policy Directives (NPDs), NPRs, and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)) to find the laws and regulations that apply to your specific programs or systems. NASA policies and guidelines can be accessed via NASA Online Directive Information System (NODIS). SOPs can be accessed through NODIS under Other Policy Documents. The list of SOPs constantly changes because of expiration, revision, or incorporation of the SOPs into NASA Interim Technical Requirements (NITRs).

FISMA requires security planning by all Federal agencies. And NIST provides documents to aid Federal agencies in security planning. The use of security controls from NIST SP 800-53 and the incorporation of baseline controls as a starting point in the control selection process facilitate a more consistent level of security in NASA’s information systems. The use of security controls from NIST SP 800-53 also allows for flexibility in tailoring the controls based on specific organizational policy and requirements documents.

NPR 2810.1 includes information on NASA-specific areas of compliance with existing laws and policies. The obligation to measure performance and reduce cost is driven by Federal regulatory and NASA requirements. These measurements are designed to provide substantive justification for decision making based on NASA’s goals and objectives. And they should measure the effectiveness of the information security program, policies, and requirements.

One such area is restriction of the distribution of information. NPR 2810.1 provides a table that lists information appropriate for publication on the Internet. All NASA information and data made available to the public at large via the Internet, unless protected by appropriate access controls, are considered published and subject to the requirements of NPR 2810.1.
This screen provides examples of Center policies for handling SBU information.

**Sensitive But Unclassified Information**

NASA's current policy for identifying and safeguarding Sensitive But Unclassified (SBU) information states that when transmitting e-mail messages outside the Agency's secure network (nasa.gov), you should encrypt e-mail messages and attachments that contain SBU information. If you feel that your Center needs a stronger policy to better protect SBU information, you should develop and enforce that policy for your Center.

Your policy might state that NASA employees must encrypt SBU information that should not be made publicly available while in transit and "at rest."

**Example 1**

One Center's procedural requirements state:

* SBU information shall be safeguarded as follows:
  1. Attended when in use.
  2. Access limited to those with "need-to-know."
  3. Limit number of hard copies.
  4. Stored under lock and key when unattended (locked desk, locked office, locked cabinet, or locked office suite).
  5. SBU cover sheet (NASA Form 1686, *Sensitive But Unclassified*) when transmitted on or off Center (optional for FAR, FOIA, Export Control, FOIA, but physical protection is the same as for SBU).
  6. Stored on secure server with appropriate markings/warnings (contact the CIO to see what your secure server is).
  7. No further dissemination of SBU without approval.
  8. **Encrypted e-mail transmission.**
    1. Transmitted by Secure Fax or person to person tracking on unclassified fax.
    2. Destroy by shredding, burning, and removing from computer systems.

Individuals shall be subject to administrative sanctions if they disclose information designated SBU or violate NASA SBU policy. Sanctions include, but are not limited to, a warning notice, admonition, reprimand, suspension without pay, forfeiture of pay, removal, or discharge."
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Security authorization information is based on the latest revision of the NIST SP 800-53.

Security Authorization (SA)

Security Authorization is part of a dynamic, risk management process. You have the following responsibilities in relation to security authorization for information systems:

- Encourage cost-effective practices such as maximum reuse and sharing of security-related information to include:
  - Threat and vulnerability assessments,
  - Risk assessments,
  - Results from common security control assessments, and
  - Any other general information that may be of assistance to Information Security Officers and their supporting security staffs.
- In concert with the AO, determine appropriate allocation of resources for information security programs and systems.
- In certain instances, operate as the AO for Agency-wide General Support Systems (GSS) or as co-AO with other senior officials for selected Agency systems.

NIST SP 800-37, Guide for the Security Certification and Accreditation of Federal Information Systems, is in the process of being revised. Its new title will be: Guide for Security Authorization of Federal Information Systems: A Security Life Cycle Approach. It is important that you as CIO understand the impact that revisions in this Guide have on the authorization process and make adjustments in Center policy as needed.

The NIST SP 800-37 is being revised to:

1. Develop a common SA process for Federal information systems (currently known as the certification and accreditation process).
2. Express the process of authorizing information systems to operate as an integral part of the System Development Life Cycle (SDLC) and the Risk Management Framework (RMF).
3. Provide a well-defined and comprehensive SA process that helps ensure appropriate entities are assigned responsibility and are accountable for managing information system-related security risks.
4. Incorporate a risk executive (function) into the SA process to help ensure that managing security risks from individual information systems: (a) is consistent across the organization; (b) reflects organizational risk tolerance; and (c) is performed as part of an organization-wide process that considers other organizational risks affecting mission/business success.
Sample Exam Question

After obtaining exam results, learners are able to review the questions to learn which questions they missed and the correct answers to those questions.

A contractor system, an information system used or operated by a contractor for NASA, is generally:

- a. located at a NASA-owned/leased facility
- b. owned by NASA
- c. a provider of services to only NASA
- d. a user of NASA Domain Name System (DNS) entries