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1	Johns Hopkins	Gary		2	226			171B is crafted under the premise that	From: (APT). The APT is an
	Applied Physics	Stoneburner						this 'specific' CUI is not more harmful	
	Laboratory							(same as least moderate as 171). The	To: (APT). Hence while not
	(JHU/APL)							differentiator between 171 and 171B is	necessarily a source for greater harm
								likelihood of APT attack and specifically	than other CUI, CUI contained in
								not higher impact level.	critical program or high value assets
									may require additional protection
								As 171B states, this need is not certain,	against APT attack. The APT is an
								but based upon contract requirements.	
								After all, it is a risk management	
								decision as to the practical tradeoff	
								between cost application of 171B and	
								gain for a specific program/mission.	
2	Johns Hopkins	Gary		3	250			Suggest worhtwhile to early on relay	Append: With that objective it is
	Applied Physics	Stoneburner						what will be reinforced later that	noted that protecting the integrity
	Laboratory							confidentiality and integrity are inter-	and availability of means used to
	(JHU/APL)							dependent, and achieving the former is	achieve this confidentiality
								not possible without also achieving	protection is also within scope.
								aspects of the later.	Additionally, while outside the
									explicit purpose of this publication,
									users should be aware that the ATP
									may seek to harm organizations,
									individuals, or the Nation by
									compromising the integrity of CUI
									upon which missions depend; for
									example, mission software
									categorized as CUI.
3	Johns Hopkins	Gary		3	253			Suggest recognize the explicitly stated	From: Additionally, the enhanced
	Applied Physics	Stoneburner						document purpose while noting the	security requirements
	Laboratory							other things the requirements achieve.	
	(JHU/APL)								To: Additionally, while outside the
									explicit scope of this document, the
									enhanced security requirements

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4	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		5	303			Within the context of 171B, it is this CUI that is of interest. Also, secondarily, added text to focus on critical/high and to lay ground work for realization that, despite 32 CFR 2002, some CUI is actually low impact.	From: CUI is no less than To: CUI that is part of a critical program or high value asset is no less
5	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		5	303		Footnote 11	While the footnote has true information with respect to federal IS, this information is non-operational for non-federal systems, the scope of this document. And hence to the intended users of 171B, non-helpful. Also, SP 800-53 does not 'require', but rather provide guidance for control selection. And SP 800-53 is not mandated for non-federal systems, just as FIPS 200 is not.	Delete footnote 11 (The moderate impact value defined in [FIPS 199] may become part of a moderate impact system in [FIPS 200], which requires the use of the moderate baseline in [SP 800-53] as the starting point for tailoring actions.)
6	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		5	309			Stress that it is not change in impact level that 171B is addresssing, but change in likelihood of APT attack.	From: and high value assets targeted by To: and high value assets not primarily because such CUI represents a greater path for harm, but because such CUI is more likely to be targeted by

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7	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory	Gary Stoneburner		6	322			Suggest that 'alterative, but equally effective' does in fact satisfy! In fact, it may be a "better" way to achieve the	From: security measures to compensate for the inability to satisfy a requirement; and
	(JHU/APL)							protection intent in a specific organizational/mission context. Bottom line: Suggest it is most helpful to stress "meet the goal" with how not really that important if the goal is met. And suggest it is most hurtful to suggest that meeting the goal is not satisfying the requirement.	To: security measures to satisfy the intent of the requirement; and
8	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		6	329			Related to existing text box in Chapter 3 that correctly states the applicability of the extended requirements. And notes that government does not have to require all of the extended requirements.	From: or designated high value asset. To:or designated high value asset and as mandated by a federal agency in a contract, grant, or other agreement.

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9	Johns Hopkins	Gary		6	330			To actually "address" as in effectively	From: designed to address
	Applied Physics	Stoneburner						limit the risk would require literally an	
	Laboratory							order of magnitude increase in cyber	To: desinged to help address
	(JHU/APL)							defense capability over than needed to	
								comply with 171 as written.	
								And to offectively limit this risk may	
								And to effectively limit this risk, more	
								than function must be specified; name, trustworthiness of function that is	
								lacking from 171B. Functionality in	
								171B is difficult to achieve and adding essential trustworthiness moves to	
								goal post even further.	
								Bottom line: It is not clear that 171B is	
								intended to relay a maturity level that	
								even major DIB member are not	
								currently achieving. And if it is that is	
								problematic from level of expectation	
								and what is missing to actually have	
								such maturity.	
10					22.4				
10	Johns Hopkins	Gary		6	334			Stating upfront what is made explicit in	Append: The mapping to SP 800-53
	Applied Physics	Stoneburner						the introductory text of the mapping	controls is provided for
	Laboratory							appendix.	informational purposes; noting that
	(JHU/APL)								the related SP 800-53 controls do
									not provide additional requirements
									over and above the requirement text
	Inhan Han C	Carri			222			4748 :	in this document.
11	Johns Hopkins	Gary		6	338			171B is not intended to be prescriptive	From: mechanisms and procedures
	Applied Physics Laboratory	Stoneburner						of mechanisms, but only descriptive.	used to implement
	(JHU/APL)								To: mechanisms and procedures
	, ,								that can be used to implement
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12	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory	Gary Stoneburner		6	339	Line #		Suggesting text to reinforce the purpose of Discussion section.	From: discussion section is not To: discussion section is
13	(JHU/APL) Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		7	359			States: "The contingency planning, system and services acquisition, and planning requirements are not included"	informational only and not No change suggested, comment reinforces 'helps address" as the better phrase over 'addresses'.
								Yet note that this is another reason why 171B helps address ATP rather than addresses APT. For example, elements of the CP family (e.g., effective contingency operations), as well as the SA family (e.g., supply chain protections) and PL family (e.g., security architecture) are important elements of effectively addressing the full spectrum APT.	
14	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		8	372			Relates to later text in this chapter that relays the government might require only some of the enhanced requirements, not necessarily all.	From: and therefore, requires enhanced protection. To: and therefore, as mandated by a federal agency in a contract, grant, or other agreement requires enhanced protection
15	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		8	372		Footnote 17	Footnote deleted because (1) unnecessary -point is stated in main body of this paragraph and (2) inconsistent text - foot note relates to protecting the critical program and high value assets, but 171B is protecting CUI contained in such and wherever the CUI may be.	Delete footnote 17 (Organizations are cautioned against applying the enhanced security requirements in this appendix to protect all CUI. The application of the requirements is restricted to critical programs and high value assets containing CUI that are likely to be targeted by the APT.)

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16	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		8	375	Lille #		It is incorrect to say they only apply to components that or that provide protection because any component that represents an attack path (e.g., via trust relationships) must be addressed. The changed wording allows for limiting application according to purpose without attempting to define all instances.	
17	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		8	376			Provide the other key element in list of examles of what that must be considered in deciding where to apply 171B	From: provide protection for such components. To: provide protection for such components, or that provide an attack path to such components (e.g., due to trust relationships between system components).
18	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		9	411			Not clear how 'being resilient' can be just outsourced as a service. Suggest delete Rationale; As stated unclear how this is a service and other bullets appears to adequately present examples to explain the concept of out sourcing.	Delete "Cyber resiliency"
19	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		10	414			States: "provide the foundation for" Existing text that supports earlier comments related to 'helps address' as opposed to 'addresses'.	No change suggested, comment reinforces 'helps address" as the better phrase over 'addresses'.

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20	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		10	420	Lille #		Defensive cyber operations is a key, if not THE key, element. The change is intended to explicitly include DCO via the point of 'out maneuvering' the adversary.	From: countermeasures to confuse, To: countermeasures to out maneuver, confuse,
21	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		11	462			Change reinforces the information above that government can require some and not all.	From: when mandated To: as mandated
22	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		12	471			Here and elsewhere: 1. Require that it be made explicit as to what is to be done 2. Recognize that there is no 'one size fits all' for what dual authorization must be employed. Especially at the level of specificity of the 171 family of documents. 3. As current written, noting that absolutes are typically not feasible, requirements become in effect – doing something, anything achieves the requirement as stated. Better to have in the requirement the need to make explicit what is to be done. Then that explicit information will be in the SSP for the government to review.	From: execute critical To: execute explicitly identified critical
23	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		12	478			Ensure discussion is written as informational.	From: The two individuals To: The In that example, the two individuals

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24	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		12	480			Ensure discussion is written as informational.	From: approved changes. The individuals are accountable for the changes. Organizations also employ dual
									To: approved change, and the individuals would also be accountable for the changes. Another example is employing dual
25	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		12	484			Organizations will sometimes need to employ non-organizational assets at times (e.g., sponsor or supporting organization)	Append: or otherwise explicitly authorized with consideration of the risk involved.
26	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		12	491			See comment for line 471	From: control information flows To: control explicitly identified information flows
27	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		12	505			Ensure discussion is written as informational.	From: Organizations mandate specific architectural solutions when required to enforce logical or physical separation between systems in different security domains. Enforcement includes; prohibiting To: Organizations consider
									mandating specific architectural solutions when required to enforce logical or physical separation between systems in different security domains. Enforcement includes; for example, prohibiting

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20	Johns Hopkins	Cami		13	Line #^ 515	Line #		(Include rationale for comment)^ True, but more likely to confuse than	Delete: " There are cross domain
28	Applied Physics	Gary Stoneburner		13	212			assist DIB companies with protection	solutions approved by the United
	Laboratory	Storiesuriei						of unclassified information. Protection	Cross Domain Services Management
	(JHU/APL)							of interface with a classified system is	Office [UCDSMO] and secure
								NOT the intent of the 171 series. Such	information transfer solutions that
								protection would be covered by	have similar properties but are
								guidance to DIB from classified	without formal UCDSMO approval."
								information security program.	
29	Johns Hopkins	Gary		14	524			Added so that this good idea does not	From: at least annually based or
	Applied Physics	Stoneburner						appear out of the blue in discussion	when
	Laboratory							where requirements are not to be	
	(JHU/APL)							levied.	To: at least annually based upon
									assessment of effectiveness or when
30	Johns Hopkins	Gary		16	568			Not part of the requirement. And	Delete: "Using automated tools, the
	Applied Physics	Stoneburner						covered by 3.4.2e	desired state is compared to the
	Laboratory								actual state to check for compliance
2.1	(JHU/APL)	0		4.6	570			T 1:	or deviations."
31	Johns Hopkins	Gary Stoneburner		16	573			The discussion provides for other alternatives. So moved this to list of	From: detect the presence of
	Applied Physics Laboratory	Stoneburner						alternatives in the discussion and	misconfigured or unauthorized system components and remove the
	(JHU/APL)							added 'respond' to the requirement.	components or place the
	(3110)/11 2)							(see comment on line 584)	components in a quarantine or
								(remediation network that allows for
									patching, re-configuration, or other
									mitigations.
									To: detect and respond to the
									presence of misconfigured or
									unauthorized system components.

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32	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		16	584			See comment for line 573	From: an include halting system functions To: an include remove the components; place the components in a quarantine or remediation network that allows for patching, re-
				16	506				configuration, or other mitigations; halting system functions
33	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		16	586			3.4.2e discussion is written with the presumption that 3.4.1e has been achieved.	Append: This control assumes 3.4.1e.
34	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		17	600			Ensure discussion is written as informational.	From: Organizations also use automated To: Organizations could also use automated

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35	Johns Hopkins	Gary		17	603			Add new requirement. Rationale: CM in	Append new requirement:
	Applied Physics	Stoneburner						accordnance with a CM plan is a key	
	Laboratory							element of a mature CM process and	3.4.4e Implement a configuration
	(JHU/APL)							would seem to be an important,	management program operated in
								foundational elemet for achieving the	accordance with an approved,
								abiltiy to address the APT.	documented, and maintained
									configuration management plan.
								(NOTE: Max row hight limit prevents	DISCUSSION
								displaying entirety of the suggested	Configuration management plans
								change, need to open cell).	satisfy the requirements in
									configuration management policies
									while being tailored to individual
									systems. Such plans define
									processes and procedures for how
									configuration management is used
									to support system development life
									cycle activities. Configuration
									management plans are typically
									developed during the development
									and acquisition phase of the system
									development life cycle. The plans
									describe how to move changes
									through change management
									processes, how to update
									configuration settings and baselines,
									how to maintain system component
									inventories, how to control
									development, test, and operational
									environments, and how to develop,
									release, and update key documents.
									Organizations can employ templates
									to help ensure consistent and timely

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36	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory	Gary Stoneburner		18	607			See comment for line 471	From: establishing a explicitly connection or types of using
	(JHU/APL)								To: establishing explicitly identified network connections or types of connections using
37	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory	Gary Stoneburner		18	618			Editorial suggestion to help ensure discussion is written as informational.	From: authentication requirements may only be applied
	(JHU/APL)								To: authentication requirements might only be applied
38	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics	Gary Stoneburner		18	621			To avoid requirement appearing first in the discussion.	From: rotation, and management
	Laboratory (JHU/APL)								To: rotation, protection, and management
39	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		18	641			Suggest move to SI or CM. Rationale, while this requirement includes "authenticated", IA is not where 53 'authenticates' configurations. That is either SI (e.g., SI-4) or CM (e.g., CM-8).	Move 3.5.2e to SI or CM.
								Bottom line: In 53 the IA family is not where configurations are 'authenticated'.	
								(Also see comment for line 642)	
40	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner			642			Change 3.5.3e to reflect authentication of configuration as device authentication is covered by 3.5.1e.	From: are known, authenticated, in a properly To: are authenticated to be in a properly
								(also see comment for line 641)	

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41	Johns Hopkins	Gary		18	644			See comment for line 642	From: Identification and
	Applied Physics	Stoneburner							authentication of system
	Laboratory							Also this is covered by 3.4.2e	components and component
	(JHU/APL)								configurations can be
									To: Authentication of component
									configurations can be
42	Johns Hopkins	Gary		19	653			Ensure discussion is written as	From: unapproved state are placed
	Applied Physics	Stoneburner						informational.	in
	Laboratory								
	(JHU/APL)							Also this is covered by 3.4.2e	To: unapproved state can be placed
									in
43	Johns Hopkins	Gary		20	683			Ensure discussion is written as	From: typically include forensic
	Applied Physics	Stoneburner						informational.	analysts,
	Laboratory								
	(JHU/APL)								To: typically include; for example,
									forensic analysts,
44	Johns Hopkins	Gary		20	692			CIRT appears to be an example of	Append: "Additionally, an
	Applied Physics	Stoneburner						potential third-party support.	organization may employ third-party
	Laboratory								organizations to provide the CIRT
	(JHU/APL)								capability."
45	Johns Hopkins	Gary		23	707			See comment for line 471	From: Conduct exenhanced
	Applied Physics	Stoneburner							
	Laboratory								To: Conduct explicitly identified
	(JHU/APL)								enhanced

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46	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		23	713	718		Not sure what is intended here with regard to current practices as opposed to something that might happen in the future. I am not aware of any DOD processes similar to DHS contractor suitability that are applied to DIB for access to CUI. DoD personnel screening processes appear to be classified, not CUI focused. How much is expectation and how much is could-be-but-don't-know? If more the latter, then suggest delete. If former, then some examples would seem helpful.	Suggest delete "For individuals nonfederal organizations." OR Provide examples (that I cannto because not aware of what they would be)
47	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		23	727			Editorial suggestion	From: while the information is resolved To: while the adverse information is resolved
48	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		25	735			Granted, like 53 families this is just a title of a section of requirements in 171 and 171B –yet: 3.11.1e, .2e, 3e, 4e, 6e (most), and 7e are not RA, but rather part of risk mitigation using results of RA in concert with RM decisions.	Suggest consider that rather than significantly overlord the term risk assessment with risk response actions, move risk responses to other sections such as IR, SC, and SI.
49	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		25	768			Threat hunting appears to be a capability that might be achieved via third-party support.	Append: An organization may choose to employ third-party providers in achieving this capability.

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50	Johns Hopkins	Gary		25	772			SOC, as the discussion text relays, deals	l '
	Applied Physics	Stoneburner						with threats, not risks (degree	organizations, systems, or system
	Laboratory							organizations, individuals, or the	components
	(JHU/APL)							Nation are threaten and typically a	
								combination of likelihood and impact).	To: identify threats to organizations,
								SOC does not make risk calcuations, as	systems, or system components
								that is the perview of other	
								organizational elements.	
51	Johns Hopkins	Gary		26	787			Ultimately the goal is to have risk	From: security plan the risk basis for
	Applied Physics	Stoneburner						management inculcated into the	security solutionTo: security plan
	Laboratory							system cybersecurity requirements fed	the risk basisa convincing rationale
	(JHU/APL)							into the plan generation process. The	for security solution
								plan takes this input and represents	
								the set of 'solutions' that 'best'	To: security plan a convincing
								achieves those requirements. And the	rationale for security solution
								plan includes reasons to believe that it	·
								does, will fact achieve the	
								requirements.	
								'	
								A bottom line: The 171B requirements	
								are much too imprecise to define a	
								capability achieved against any attacker,	
								let alone ATP. Hence compliance with	
								171B results in indeterminate risk. And	
								hence if risk is to be assessed, and a	
								determination of acceptable risk made	
								and acted upon, that must take place	
								outside of 171B compliance.	
								outside of 171b compilation.	
								PS: This is an area where more work will	
								be required over time.	
								be required over time.	

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52	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		26	791	796		See comment for line 787. Also plan content does not have to include; for example, discussion of AoAs. The plan might include that and such discussion might be helpful, but is not definitional for the content of a good rationale.	Replace with: System security plans relate risk management needs and a set of security requirements to a set of security controls and solutions. The plans provide the rationale for the controls and solutions achieving the security requirements and the risk management need, and, when the APT is a concern, includes specific rationale for ATP-related security requirements being achieved and related risk adequately mitigated. The level of detail provided should be sufficient to enable understanding of whether the plan should be modified in response to changes in threat, operational environment, security control effectiveness, or organizational risk management
53	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		26	805	806		Assessing solutions is covered by security assessment (as used in 171 and 171B). 3.11.5e is about applying that security assessment in assessment of risk. Issue is risk through the system to organizations, individuals, an and the Nation, not risk to the IS.	decisions. From: Assess the effectiveness of security solutions at least annually to address anticipated risk to the system and the organization based on current and accumulated threat intelligence. To: Assess at least annually anticipated risk to t the organization based on current and accumulated threat intelligence and results of security assessment of the effectiveness of security solutions.

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Johns Hopkins	Gary		26	808			The capabilities of "APT" are not	From: Since sophisticated threats
Applied Physics	Stoneburner						constantly changing; and have been	such as the APT are constantly
Laboratory							pretty consistent for many years.	changing, the threat awareness and
(JHU/APL)							Specific attack paths and TTPs change,	
							yet not as this phrase would indicate.	To: The threat awareness and
							Rather what is really dynamic is the	
							organization's understanding of threat	
							and the organization's assessed risk.	
Johns Hopkins	Gary		26	816			Suggest that a document SCRM plan is	Append: in accordance with a
Applied Physics	Stoneburner						essential elment of a foundation for	documented organizational supply
Laboratory							effectively addressing the ATP and	chain risk management plan
(JHU/APL)							therefore is better expressed as part of	
							3.11.6e instead of a separate 3.11.7e.	
							See comment on lines 828-845	
	Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL) Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory	Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL) Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory Stoneburner Stoneburner	Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL) Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory Stoneburner Stoneburner	Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL) Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory Stoneburner 26 Applied Physics Laboratory	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL) Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory Stoneburner 26 808 808 808 808 808 808 808 808 808 80	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL) Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory Stoneburner Gary Stoneburner 26 816 Applied Physics Laboratory	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL) Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory Stoneburner 26 808 808 808 808 808 808 808 808	Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL) Gary Stoneburner 26 808 The capabilities of "APT" are not constantly changing; and have been pretty consistent for many years. Specific attack paths and TTPs change, yet not as this phrase would indicate. Rather what is really dynamic is the organization's understanding of threat and the organization's assessed risk. Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL) Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)

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56	Johns Hopkins	Gary		26	817			Add to discussion to reflect addition	Append After: The growing
	Applied Physics	Stoneburner						suggested in comment to line 816.	dependence on products, systems,
	Laboratory							Moved from 3.11.7.e discussion (see	and services from external providers,
	(JHU/APL)							comment on lines 828-845)	along with the nature of the
									relationships with those providers,
									present an increasing level of risk to
									an organization. Threat actions that
									may increase risk include the
									insertion or use of counterfeits,
									unauthorized production,
									tampering, theft, insertion of
									malicious software and hardware, as
									well as poor manufacturing and
									development practices in the supply
									chain. Supply chain risks can be
									endemic or systemic within a system
									element or component, a system, an
									organization, a sector, or the Nation.

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57	Johns Hopkins	Gary		27	827			Add to discussion to reflect addition	Append after: Managing supply
	Applied Physics	Stoneburner						suggested in comment to line 816.	chain risk is a complex, multifaceted
	Laboratory							Moved from 3.11.7.e discussion (see	undertaking requiring a coordinated
	(JHU/APL)							comment on lines 828-845)	effort across an organization
									building trust relationships and
									communicating with both internal
									and external stakeholders. Supply
									chain risk management (SCRM)
									activities involve identifying and
									assessing risks, determining
									appropriate mitigating actions,
									developing SCRM plans to
									document selected mitigating
									actions, and monitoring
									performance against plans. SCRM
									plans address requirements for
									developing trustworthy secure and
									resilient system components and
									systems, including the application of
									the security design principles
									implemented as part of life cycle-
									based systems security engineering
									processes.
58	Johns Hopkins	Gary		27	828	845		Incorporated into 3.11.6e as 6e should	Delete and incorporate into 3.11.6e
	Applied Physics	Stoneburner						be done in accordance with 7e and	
	Laboratory							suggest incorporation is better	
	(JHU/APL)							alternative to separate requirements.	
59	Johns Hopkins	Gary		28	849			As the discussion relays, pen testing	From: Conduct penetration testing
	Applied Physics	Stoneburner						and red teaming are not the same and	at least annually,
	Laboratory							the discussion mentions both, not just	
	(JHU/APL)							pen testing.	To: Conduct penetration testing/red
									teaming at least annually,

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60	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		28	870			Applies to both pen testing and red teaming	From: The penetration testing team may be To: The penetration testing or red
61	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		28	872			From the SP 800-53A guidance and suggest an important element for effectiveness of this requirement. Otherwise the implementation becomnes just another on-going penetrate and patch exercise that will not be effective against the APT.	team may be Append: Organizations should consider penetration testing/red teaming from perspective of measuring the cybersecurity of the organization as opposed to a primary focus on finding vulnerabilities.
62	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		29	877			See comment for line 471 Also without something more, the requirement is fully achieved by any diversity that accomplishes any reduction. Similar comment for other, similar suggestions.	From: employ diverse system components to reduce the extent of malicious code propagation To: employ identified diverse system components to reduce the extent of malicious code propagation as explicitly deemed necessary for that part of risk mitigation this capability is to provide.
63	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		29	906			Suggest make explicit the balance that must be considered	Append: Organizations should seek to balance cybersecurity value obtained against APT with negative impact on the organizational cybersecurity capabilities resulting from increased complexity and operational effort associated with added diversity.

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64	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		29	910	911		See comment on line 877	From: Disrupt the attack surface of organizational systems and system components through unpredictability, moving target defense, or non-persistence. To: Disrupt the attack surface of organizational systems and system components through identified unpredictability, moving target defense, and/or non-persistence as explicitly deemed necessary for that part of risk mitigation this capability is to provide.
65	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		30	940			Ensure discussion is written as informational.	From: organizations update their management To: organizations can update their management
66	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		30	952			Suggest make explicit the balance that must be considered	Append: Organizations should seek to balance cybersecurity value obtained against APT with negative impact on the organizational cybersecurity capabilities resulting from increased complexity and operational effort associated with added such attack surface disruption.

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67	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		30	956	957		See comment on line 877	From: Employ technical and procedural means to confuse and mislead adversaries through a combination of misdirection, tainting, or disinformation. To: Employ identified technical and procedural means to confuse and mislead adversaries through a combination of misdirection, tainting, or disinformation as explicitly deemed necessary for that part of risk mitigation this capability is to provide.
68	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		31	976			See comment on line 877	From: Employ physical and logical isolation techniques in the system and security architecture. To: Employ identified physical and logical isolation techniques in the system and security architecture as explicitly deemed necessary for that part of risk mitigation this capability is to provide.
69	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		31	1013			Suggest make explicit the balance that must be considered	Append: Organization should explicitly consider the trustworthiness of the isolation techniques in architecting for sufficient risk migration, noting; for example, that logical isolation relies on information technology that would be a high value target because of the function being performed yet with its own set of vulnerabilities.

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70	Johns Hopkins	Gary		33	1020	1021		Correctness and integrity are different	From: Employ roots of trust, formal
	Applied Physics	Stoneburner						things, not a list of similar. Verifying	verification, or cryptographic
	Laboratory							integrity is VERY different from verifying	signatures to verify the integrity and
	(JHU/APL)							correctness.	correctness of security critical or
									essential software.
								Point is to verify integrity and	
								discussion indicate some of the "many	To: Verify the integrity of security
								way to verify" (as stated in the	critical or essential software.
								discussion).	
								Added 3.14.7e for verification of	
								correctness - See comment on line	
								1167	
71	Johns Hopkins	Gary		33	1031	1037		Deletion moved to discussion for new	Delete: Formal verification involves
, -	Applied Physics	Stoneburner		33	1031	1007		correctness requirement. See comment	proving that a software program
	Laboratory							on lines 1020-1021	satisfies some formal property or set
	(JHU/APL)								of properties. The nature of such
	, ,								formal verification is generally time
									consuming and not employed for
									most commercial operating systems
									and applications. Therefore, it would
									likely only be applied to some very
									limited uses such as verifying
									cryptographic protocols. However,
									in cases where software exists with
									formal verification of its security
									properties, such software provides
									more assurance and trustworthiness
									and is preferred over similar
									software that has not been formally
									verified.

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72	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		34	1068	1070		No different than for any IT. Suggest that the point is that IoT, OT, and IIoT are not overlooked with regard to meeting the requirements of 171B and protection of CUI.	From: Ensure that Internet of Things (IoT), Operational Technology (OT), and Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) systems, components, and devices are compliant with the security requirements imposed on organizational systems or are isolated in purpose-specific networks. To: Ensure that Internet of Things (IoT), Operational Technology (OT), and Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) systems, components, and devices are included in organizational risk management and addressed in cybersecurity planning and implementation.
73	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		34	1104	1105		I suspect that twice annually is not justifiable as in general either sufficient or necessary. Not sufficient because a much more rapid rate may be required to impact the APT. Not necessary perhaps due to effectiveness of other means being employed. Rather make the organization come to an explicit risk management decision documented in their SSP that the government can then review.	From: Refresh organizational systems and system components from a known, trusted state at least twice annually. To: Refresh organizational systems and system components from a known, trusted state at an identified frequency deemed necessary for that part of risk mitigation this capability is to provide.

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74	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory	Gary Stoneburner		35	1147			Ensure discussion is written as informational.	From: current activities is removed from
	(JHU/APL)								To: current activities can be removed from
75	Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)	Gary Stoneburner		35	1156	1157		As indicated earlier, the capability for advance ATP is largely unchanged for many years, and not 'constantly changing. Specific attack paths and to a lesser degree TTPs change, but the general characteristics of threats sources at the high end have been pretty consistent over time. Within DIB by nation state actors seeking to harm our nation, the changes reflect shifts of priority among warfighting areas (e.g., submarine, hyper-velocity missile). And not substantive changes in nation state capabilities. Bottom line: Such text as constantly changing seems to overlook what remains about the same and causing a focus on vulnerability of the moment changes that we cannot afford to allow to drive our thinking on how to address the APT.	From: The constantly changing and increasing sophistication of adversaries, especially the advanced persistent threat (APT), make it essential that threat information relating to To: Threat information relating to

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76	Johns Hopkins	Gary		36	1167			Verification of integrity and or	Append new requirement: 3.14.7e
	Applied Physics	Stoneburner						correctness are two VERY different	Verify the correctness of security
	Laboratory							things and hence two different	critical or essential software prior to
	(JHU/APL)							requirements.	execution.
									DISCUSSION
								See comment on lines 1020-1021	For example, formal verification
									involves proving that a software
									program satisfies some formal
									property or set of properties. The
									nature of such formal verification is
									generally time consuming and not
									employed for most commercial
									operating systems and applications.
									Therefore, it would likely only be
									applied to some very limited uses
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									software exists with formal
									verification of its security properties,
									such software provides more
									assurance and trustworthiness and
									is preferred over similar software
									that has not been formally verified.
77	Johns Hopkins	Gary		66	1222			PM-31 appears to directly map tio	From: SR-2 Supply Chain Risk
	Applied Physics	Stoneburner						3.11.7e.	Management Plan
	Laboratory								
	(JHU/APL)							Note that there is no associated	To: PM-31 Supply Chain Risk
								control in Rev 4, PM-31 is from Rev 5	Management Plan
78	Johns Hopkins	Gary		67	1224			SA-12(11) appears to directly map to	From: SR 6(1) Supplier Reviews
	Applied Physics	Stoneburner						3.21.1e	Penetration Testing and Analysia
	Laboratory (JHU/APL)								To: SA-12(11) Supply Chain Risk
	(JITO/AFL)								Management Penetration Testing
									and Analysis
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