NISP Authorization Office (NAO) Update
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Defense Security Service Industrial Security Field Operations

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NISP Authorization Office Update

Topics

— Assessment and Authorization review (RMF)

— Metrics

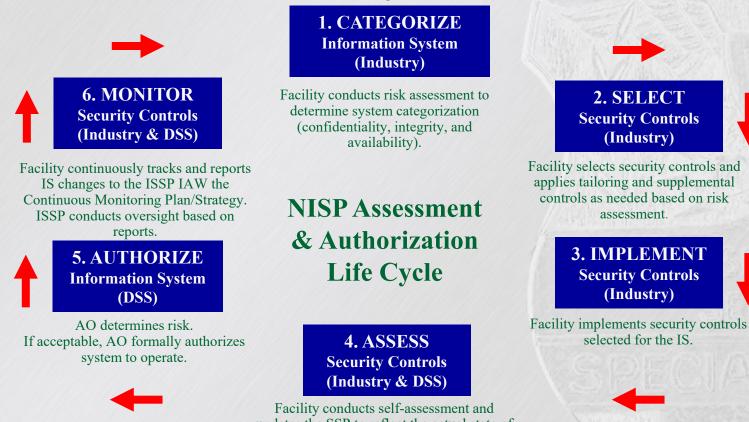— eMASS Transition Update

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Assessment and Authorization

— DSS highly recommends submissions for Information Systems (IS) 90 days before need in order to allow for resource planning, interactions between ISSM & ISSP regarding SSP's and processing (Section 6, DAAPM)

— Based on submission timeframe and DSS resources we will use ATO's and ATO-C's to ensure that DSS resources do not adversely effect Industry contract performance (Section 6.5, DAAPM)

— Working with Industry via the NISPPAC NISA WG to develop a Short-Term IS submission strategy

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Starting Point

1. CATEGORIZE
Information System
(Industry)

Facility conducts risk assessment to determine system categorization (confidentiality, integrity, and availability).

6. MONITOR
Security Controls
(Industry & DSS)

Facility continuously tracks and reports IS changes to the ISSP IAW the Continuous Monitoring Plan/Strategy. ISSP conducts oversight based on reports.

2. SELECT
Security Controls
(Industry)

Facility selects security controls and applies tailoring and supplemental controls as needed based on risk assessment.

NISP Assessment & Authorization Life Cycle

5. AUTHORIZE
Information System
(DSS)

AO determines risk.
If acceptable, AO formally authorizes system to operate.

3. IMPLEMENT
Security Controls
(Industry)

Facility implements security controls selected for the IS.

4. ASSESS
Security Controls
(Industry & DSS)

Facility conducts self-assessment and updates the SSP to reflect the actual state of the IS.
ISSP reviews submitted SSP and assesses the IS.

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Northern Assessment & Authorization Actions (OBMS)
Total Systems: 1827

Past 12 months:
ATO processed **1296/108 per month**
SSP Denied: **4** Returned from Review: **267 21%**

Submitted: **1683/140 per month**

Current:
SSP in que/pending review   **431**
Expiring ATOs   <90   days = **452**

Western Assessment & Authorization Actions (OBMS)
Total Systems: 1884

Past 12 months:
ATO processed: **1054/88 per month**
SSP Denied: **11** Returned from Review: **129 14%**

Submitted: **1298/108 per month**

Current:
SSP in que/pending review   **177**
Expiring ATOs   <90   days = **303**

Southern Assessment & Authorization Actions (OBMS)
Total Systems: 1435

Past 12 Months:
ATO processed: **944/79 per month**
SSP Denied: **30** Returned from Review: **134 17%**

Submitted: **1218/102 per month**

Current:
SSP in que/pending review   **303**
Expiring ATOs   <90   days = **275**

Capital Assessment & Authorization Actions (OBMS)
Total Systems: 1085

Past 12 Months:
ATO processed: **629/52 per month**
SSP Denied: **114** Returned from Review: **66 29%**

Submitted: **911/76 per month**

Current:
SSP in que/pending review   **157**
Expiring ATOs   <90   days = **191**

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eMASS Update

— The transition to the use of eMASS as the DSS system of record has been delayed until March 18, 2018

— Provides more time for Industry to be sponsored for access to the DISA RMF Knowledge Service and take the required eMASS training

— The DSS Knowledge Center (external help desk) will be responsible for creating Industry eMASS accounts

— DSS will release an updated DAAPM in mid-February 2019 with an effective date of March 18, 2019

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