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We conducted an evaluation of DHS' information assurance posture, including its policies and procedures, for the intelligence systems under its purview. We performed our work from May through July 2005. We focused our assessment on DHS' compliance with the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002, for its intelligence systems in operation as of May 1, 2005, and containing Top Secret/Special Compartmented Information (TS/SCI).

Our audit objective was to identify whether DHS' information security program and practices for its intelligence systems are adequate and effective in protecting TS/SCI information from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction. Our assessment focused on five intelligence community-wide weaknesses that were previously identified by the Intelligence Community Chief Information Officer (IC CIO), and three additional areas that the IC CIO asked the OIGs to assess as part of the Fiscal Year 2005 report. As part of our evaluation, we also determined whether the security controls were adequate and effective by conducting assessments of the system security controls for a sample of eight intelligence systems, according to the requirements in Director of Central Intelligence Directive 6/3, *Protecting Sensitive Compartmented Information Within Information Systems*. Furthermore, we evaluated DHS' Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M) process for its intelligence systems and followed up on previous recommendations discussed with DHS.

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