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SUBJECT: Security Over Select USDA Agencies' Networks and Systems

In order to help the Department secure its assets and best achieve its mission, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) performed an audit of each the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) agencies and staff offices to provide an overall assessment of the management and security of the Department's information technology (IT) resources. We reviewed: (1) relevant laws, regulations, and industry best practices in order to gain sufficient knowledge to evaluate USDA's IT security posture and (2) each entity's responses to OIG's IT security survey and follow-up interviews. We requested evidence, including IT and other related organizational policies and procedures, to support the answers to selected questions. We found that the Department did not fully implement these Federally-mandated controls. **This report contains sensitive content. It is being withheld from public release due to concerns about the risk of circumvention of law.**

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