The NASA Office of Inspector General (OIG) conducted an audit to determine whether the process of granting external access to the network perimeter at a NASA Center was adequate to reduce the risk of unauthorized access and compromise to the Center’s computer systems. In 2003, the Center implemented a process for approving and tracking computer systems that have access outside the Center’s network. We identified three opportunities that should strengthen the process and reduce the risks inherent in allowing external access. The Center concurred with all three recommendations and took actions to implement them.

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