Audit Report "Information Assurance Controls on [a Center's Networked] Systems Need Strengthening" (IG-06-004, March 21, 2006)

The NASA Office of Inspector General conducted an audit to determine whether NASA had established adequate controls to provide reasonable assurance of security on information technology (IT) systems supporting [a Center's projects]. The final audit report is not generally available because it contains sensitive security-related information.

We found that [the Center] had implemented fundamental IT security controls on systems supporting its [networked] projects; however, additional controls were needed to strengthen the security of those systems. Weak IT security controls increased the risk of compromise to [the Center's networked] systems and data. We did not identify any actual system compromises or quantify the extent of risk associated with these control weaknesses.

We made six recommendations to [Center] management to improve the security of its [networked] systems. Management concurred with all of the report's recommendations and provided information on corrective actions planned or taken in response to those recommendations. Management's planned and completed corrective actions were responsive to our recommendations.

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