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

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Topics

― Assessment and Authorization review (RMF)
― Metrics
― eMASS Transition Update
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
NISP Assessment & Authorization Life Cycle

1. CATEGORIZE Information System (Industry)
   Facility conducts risk assessment to determine system categorization (confidentiality, integrity, and availability).

2. SELECT Security Controls (Industry)
   Facility selects security controls and applies tailoring and supplemental controls as needed based on risk assessment.

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.

5. AUTHORIZE Information System (DSS)
   AO determines risk. If acceptable, AO formally authorizes system to operate.

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.
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As of September 30, 2018

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