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DCSA Assessment and Authorization Process Manual (DAAPM)

Complete control package submissions per DAAPM Section 7. A security plan should only be submitted when the following is completed: System Details, Test Results, Implementation Plan, SLCM, and Artifacts.

eMASS

Navigating eMASS. "Winging it" is not an option. eMASS is a workflow application which requires following specific tasks and formats in their defined sequence. For this reason, DCSA created the NISP eMASS Industry Operation Guide, currently on Version 1.1. DCSA is hampered in our ability to complete system reviews based on improper eMASS submissions.

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COVID-19 Operational Adjustments

Existing system registrations that submit complete eMASS packages with an ATD prior to 30 September, will be assessed and considered for extensions up to 180 days. The ATO or Extension workflow in eMASS will be utilized as appropriate.

For new system registrations, the package reviews will continue to occur. The onsite validation will be delayed, deferred, or rescheduled. Submission requirements remain unchanged.

SSD

Government representatives met in April to discuss potential processes for updating the clearing and sanitization guidance for SSD. Unfortunately the NSA group responsible for this guidance was unable to attend due to the ongoing COVID-19 impact. The next action is to meet once NSA resumes to a normal operating status and can attend the meeting.

NISP AUTHORIZATION OFFICE METRICS

2020 DCSA Field Operations A & A (MAR-JUN)

Capital – 140 ATO's, 36 Extensions, 58 day avg

Northern – 184 ATO's, 214 Extensions, 71 day avg

Southern – 186 ATO's, 107 Extensions, 67 day avg

Western – 191 ATO's, 186 Extensions, 63 day avg