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NISP Authorization Office (NAO)
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Discussion Topics

- NAO Workforce Updates
- NISP eMASS Enhancements
- NISP Connection Process Guide (CPG) Update
- NAO – What is Next?



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- **NISP AO Leadership**
 - NAO: David Scott
- **Regional Leadership**
 - Mid-Atlantic Region AO: Ezekiel Marshall
 - Eastern Region AO: Alexander Hubert
 - Central Region AO: William Vaughn
 - Western Region AO: Stacey Omo



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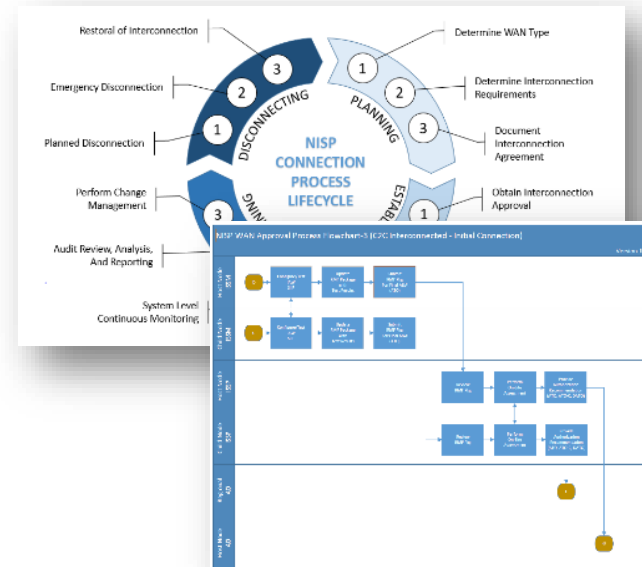
NISP eMASS Package Approval Chain Workflow Enhancements

- On January 6, 2022, the Package Approval Chain (PAC) workflows were enhanced in order to maximize Industry's visibility into the Assessment and Authorization (A&A) process. When submitting System Security Plans (SSP), Industry will submit security controls within the Control Approval Chain (CAC) and also initiate the applicable PAC workflow.
- By initiating the PAC workflows, Industry will be able to accurately track all stages of the A&A process and utilize key functions of eMASS (e.g., Workflow Tracking, Workload Tasks, Collaboration Board, etc.).
- In order to ensure that Industry understands the SSP submission process, the NAO released the New NISP eMASS SSP Instructions. The instructions are available on the NISP eMASS [HELP] Page. Also, the NAO will soon be releasing the NISP eMASS SSP Guidance. The guide will provide additional clarification.
- For NISP eMASS related questions or concerns, please contact the DCSA NAO eMASS Team (dcsa.quantico.dcsa.mbx.emass@mail.mil).



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- **NISP CPG Goal:**
 - Provides guidelines for interconnecting systems processing classified information within the NISP
 - Easy to read guide format for government and industry stakeholders
 - Step by Step process, templates & enhanced guidance
 - RMF control mappings
 - Creates efficiencies for all NISP stakeholders & enhances security
 - New concepts such as:
 - Ports, Protocols, & Services Management (PPSM)
 - Corresponding Risk Levels with security posture guidance
- **NISP CPG Status**
 - Completed coordination with the NISA Working Group participants March 2022
 - Formal Coordination to begin
 - Publication date – TBD





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NAO What's Next?

- eMASS
 - Job Aids & additional guidance.
- DAAPM 3.0
 - Provide enhanced guidance & clarity for industry.
 - Process improvements, identifying and addressing any gaps.
- Command Cyber Readiness Inspections (CCRI).
- Continued collaboration with NISP stakeholders.



End of Briefing

For questions or concerns, Cleared Industry should consult with their local ISSP.

eMASS/RMF Resources are located at:

<https://www.dcsa.mil/mc/ctp/tools/>

NISP eMASS Mailbox:

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