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JC2WC SAN ANTONIO TX//DR/DV/OP/DP//
JWAC DAHLGREN VA//
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UNCLAS E F T O

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ASSURANCE VULNERABILITY ALERT PROCESS

1. PENDING THE COMPLETION OF A DOD INSTRUCTION, THIS MESSAGE CONSTITUTES DOD POLICY AND DIRECTION FOR IMPLEMENTING THE INFORMATION ASSURANCE VULNERABILITY ALERT (IAVA) PROCESS.
2. DISA IS DESIGNATED AS THE DOD AGENT FOR THE IAVA PROCESS. DISA WILL DISSEMINATE VULNERABILITIES TO THE CINC, SERVICE AND AGENCY POC.
3. EACH OF THE CINCS, SERVICES AND AGENCIES WILL DESIGNATE A POC THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT EVERY SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF THE IAVA, AGGREGATES THE DATA, AND PASSES THE DATA TO THE DISA POC.
4. THE PROCESS:
 - STEP 1. NEW VULNERABILITIES IDENTIFIED BY OR REPORTED TO DISA: IAVA IS DEVELOPED AND POSTED ON THE DISA WEB SITE (CLASS/UNCLASS).
 - STEP 2. DISA SENDS (AUTODIN/DMS) MESSAGE VIA TECHNICAL CHANNELS OF THE CINCS, SERVICES AND AGENCIES TO THE CINC, SERVICE AND AGENCY POC. MESSAGE WILL DIRECT ALL RECIPIENTS TO REVIEW THE IAVA POSTED ON THE DISA WEB SITE AND ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS. THE FIVE (5) DAY TURN-AROUND APPLIES TO THE CINCS, SERVICES AND AGENCIES AT THE SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR LEVEL.
 - STEP 3. THE CINC, SERVICE AND AGENCY POC AGGREGATES RESPONSES AND FORWARDS A REPORT TO DISA.
 - STEP 4. THE CINC, SERVICE AND AGENCY POC ACCESS THE WEB SITE TO REVIEW ALERT INFORMATION AND ASSESS IMPACT, AND GENERATE SUPPLEMENT MESSAGE AS REQUIRED. SYSTEM ADMINISTRATORS WILL ACCESS THE WEB SITE TO ASSESS LOCAL IMPACT, FIX VULNERABILITIES, AND/OR REQUEST WAIVER FROM THE DAA AND REPORT COMPLIANCE (OR WAIVER) BACK THROUGH COMMAND CHANNELS TO THE CINC, SERVICE AND AGENCY IAVA POC.
 - STEP 5. THE CINC, SERVICE AND AGENCY IAVA POC ENTER COMPLIANCE STATUS AND APPROVED WAIVERS VIA THE WEB TO THE DOD DATABASE (SBU OR SIPRNET). STANDARD COMPLIANCE TIMELINE IS 30 DAYS.
5. EACH CINC, SERVICE AND AGENCY WILL REPORT THE AGGREGATION OF COMPLIANCE/WAIVERS TO IAVA NOTIFICATIONS TO DISA, FOR REPORTING TO ASD(C3I).

6. EACH CINC, SERVICE AND AGENCY WILL ENSURE THAT ALL REQUIRED RISK MITIGATION ACTIONS, IF A WAIVER TO A VULNERABILITY IDENTIFIED VIA THE IAVA PROCESS IS GRANTED BY THE APPROPRIATE DAA, ARE IMPLEMENTED IN A TIMELY MANNER.

7. EACH CINC, SERVICE AND AGENCY, AND THE DOD AGENT (DISA), WILL CONDUCT RANDOM COMPLIANCE CHECKS TO ENSURE VUNLERABILITIES IDENTIFIED ARE CORRECTED.

9. THE IAVA PROCESS IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE POSITIVE CONTROL OF THE VULNERABILITY NOTOFICATION AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PROCESS WITHIN DOD.

IT'S TIMELY IMPLEMENTATION IS CRITICAL TO OUR ABILITY TO ENSURE RELIABLE AND EFFECTIVE C4I SYSTEMS NEEDED BY THE WARFIGHTER FOR SUCCESSFUL MISSION EXECUTION.