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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: OIG Quick Reaction Report: "Region 9 Technical and Computer Room Security Vulnerabilities Increase Risk to EPA's Network"

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Please find attached Region 9's responses to the Office of Inspector General's September 30th recommendations and technical network vulnerability assessment report. We have completed recommendations 1 and 2, and will complete recommendation 3 during the week of November 14th. We have mitigated the identified high and medium vulnerabilities, with the exception of three findings for which we created POAMS in ASSERT.

We have a plan to mitigate the physical and environmental security vulnerabilities identified in Chapter 3. Recommendations 5, 7, and 11 will be accomplished when we complete our new policy for physical and environmental security. Recommendations 4, 6, 8, 9, and 10 will be accomplished as we move our Regional Headquarters to new leased space.

Per EPA Order 2750, please reply within 15 calendar days whether you find this response acceptable. If you have additional comments or questions, please contact Region 9's Computer Operations Manager, Warren Beer at (415) 972-3634 or Primary Information Security Officer, Al Belbahri at (415) 972-3636.

Attachments:

- (1) Region 9 Comments on: "Region 9 Technical and Computer Room Security Vulnerabilities Increase Risk to EPA's Network"
- (2) High Vulnerabilities Tracker
- (3) ASSERT POAMS

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