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Washington, DC 20511

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MEMORANDUM FOR: USG

SUBJECT: National Security Council
Interagency Policy Committee (IPC) OPSEC Requirements

Colleagues,

As many of you know, the Enterprise Threat-Mitigation Directorate (ETD) of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center (NCSC) has been designated as the National OPSEC Program Office (NOP). The NOP has the responsibility to ensure that National Security Presidential Memorandum (NSPM)-28 is implemented across the Executive Branch. NSPM-28 recognizes the need for OPSEC and directs all Executive Branch federal agencies to create OPSEC programs, including execution of measures to protect important information and reduction of vulnerabilities which could be leveraged by our adversaries.

On June 24, 2022, the National Security Council (NSC) convened an Interagency Policy Committee (IPC) “Countering Foreign Intelligence Threats” to discuss the ongoing status of NSPM-28 implementation, among other matters. As a due out from the IPC, each Executive Branch department and agency has been required to submit a status update on NSPM-28 implementation to the NOP by December 31, 2022. The IPC has also required full program assessments be conducted by the NOP beginning in June, 2023.

The attached information provides guidance and resources to support the development and submission of a status update. Within this packet, you will find an OPSEC Program Status Update Checklist designed to assist you in recognizing and meeting the requirements of NSPM-28. All Executive Branch departments and agencies are required to complete the checklist and return it to the NOP by December 31.

A critical element of each organization’s OPSEC program is an understanding of current security, information assurance, cyber, and counterintelligence postures as a means of identifying gaps and needs. Attached, you will find a full list of program requirements under NSPM-28, a guide to assist in the development of a Critical Information List (CIL), National OPSEC Program Minimum Training Standards and associated resources, as well as other previously published materials to assist in instituting and operating your department or agency’s OPSEC program.

Please remember that although NSPM-28 is unclassified, it is *not* authorized for public release. For this reason, we are unable to publish the NSPM on our open source web page.

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As always, we in ETD view ourselves as your partners in navigating our way toward a more secure Nation. Please do not hesitate to engage us as we define standards, identify best practices, and share knowledge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Rohrer', with a stylized, cursive style.

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Enclosures:

1. NCSC Memo on National Operations Security Program
2. NSPM 28 List of Requirements (Appendix A)
3. OPSEC Training Standards (NOP PMO-ADVISORY-2022-001)
4. OPSEC Program Status Guidance and Checklist
5. OPSEC Critical Information List (CIL) Job Aid
6. OPSEC Program Status Checklist (MSWord version)

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