

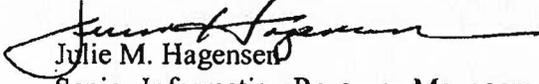


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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** OIG Quick Reaction Report: "Region 10 Technical and Computer Room Security Vulnerabilities Increase Risk to EPA's Network"

**FROM:**   
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**TO:** Arthur A. Elkins, Jr.  
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Please find attached Region 10's responses to the Office of Inspector General's January 20, 2012, Recommendations and Technical Network Vulnerability Assessment Report.

We have corrected or mitigated the identified high and medium technical vulnerabilities, with the exception of 20 findings for which we created a plan of action and milestone (POAM) in the Automated Security Self-Evaluation and Remediation and Tracking system (ASSERT).

Two of the physical and environmental control deficiencies identified in the report will be mitigated with Region 10's current building remodel. The new computer room will be built with a pre-action sprinkler system and an uninterruptible power supply with automatic shutdown capabilities. A POAM has been created in ASSERT for tracking these deficiencies.

Region 10 disagrees with two physical and environmental deficiencies identified. We do have posted procedures in place for monitoring the computer room environment. In addition, there is a water shutoff valve located in the stairwell on the same floor as the computer room. It is accessible and known to key personnel. The posted procedures also identify the location of the water shutoff and the building personnel to contact in the case of water leaks.

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 10's Information Resources Unit Manager, James Tyree, or Information Security Officer, Ken Kerner.

**Attachments:**

- (1) Region 10 Comments on: "Region 10 Technical and Computer Room Security Vulnerabilities Increase Risk to EPA's Network"
- (2) ASSERT POAMS
- (3) Computer Room-Posted Emergency Procedures and Log

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