



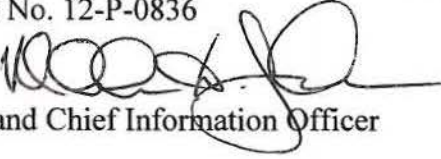
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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** OEI's Response to the OIG's Final Report: EPA Should Improve Management Practices and Security Controls for Its Network Directory Service System and Related Servers – Report No. 12-P-0836

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**TO:** Arthur A. Elkins, Jr.  
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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Office of Environmental Information's (OEI) updated response to the subject final report and provide additional clarification regarding OEI's management practices and security controls for our network directory services.

Please find attached OEI's detailed response. OEI is in agreement with the Office of Inspector General's (OIG) proposed recommendations with the exception of recommendations for numbers 25 and 26. OEI does not concur as follows:

**Recommendation 25:** Purchase lockable cabinets and install A&A servers in them to ensure that this equipment is secured and only accessible by authorized employees based on least privilege.

**OEI Response:** The Regions are responsible for both the physical and logical [authentication and authorization] security of their servers and computer rooms.

**Recommendation 26:** Either work with all locations that host A&A servers to help them procure uninterrupted power supplies with automatic shutdown capabilities and ensure that they are implemented for the A&A servers, or provide each location with uninterrupted power supplies with automatic shutdown capabilities for OEI equipment at the respective sites and ensure that they are implemented for the equipment, including A&A servers.

**OEI Response:** The Regions have uninterrupted power supplies (UPS) where authentication and authorization servers are located and are responsible for implementing security policies and procedures within their local computer rooms.

While OEI cannot agree with the OIG's recommendations for corrective actions 25 and 26, we are available for additional discussions regarding security controls of our Network Directory Service System.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Attachment

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