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The CPSC Continues to Struggle to Meet FISMA Requirements

BETHESDA – Today, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Office of Inspector General (OIG) issued a report on the results of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Federal Information Security Modernization Act (FISMA) review. The CPSC OIG found that, although the CPSC closed two previous FISMA recommendations, the CPSC had still not implemented an effective information security program in accordance with FISMA requirements.

The CPSC has not developed explicit guidance and processes to address information security risks and integrated those risks into the broader agency-wide Enterprise Risk Management program. This problem persists despite this office having cited the lack of Enterprise Risk Management as a Top Agency Management and Performance Challenge every year for over a decade. This has adversely impacted the CPSC's ability to develop an integrated approach to managing information security risks and effectively utilize information security resources to address previously identified information security deficiencies. These issues were compounded by high turnover in the Office of Information and Technology Services.

The CPSC closed two recommendations from prior year FISMA evaluations. Due to the changes in reporting requirements, the FY 2023 review only covered 40 of the 66 total Inspector General FISMA metrics. This year, the auditors reissued 30 recommendations and issued 14 new ones.

The OIG is an independent office within the CPSC that performs audits and investigations of the CPSC, and prevents and detects fraud, waste, and abuse. The OIG retained the services of Williams, Adley, & Co.-DC LLP an independent accounting firm to complete this review. For more information, visit [OIG.CPSC.GOV](https://oig.cpsc.gov).

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