MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION


Reference: DoD Directive 8500.1

1. In preparation for the conversion from DoD 8500 Information Assurance (IA) controls to the NIST Special Publication (SP) 800-53 entitled, "Recommended Security Controls for Federal Information Systems and Organizations," DISA Field Security Operations (FSO) has accomplished the following:

   a. DISA FSO decomposed the NIST 800-53 IA controls into single, actionable, measurable requirements called Control Correlation Identifiers (CCIs), in an effort to move towards future automation for compliance reporting.

   b. FSO then reviewed the CCIs and categorized the controls into two basic groups: technical CCIs versus non-technical CCIs. A CCI was deemed technical if it was measurable at the asset level (Operating System, Application, or Network). A CCI was deemed non-technical if it was a policy-based requirement or had an architectural nature.

   c. Using the technical CCI lists as the source, FSO developed the UNIX SRG. This UNIX SRG adds technology family specific tailoring to the generic CCIs.

2. The SLES v11 for System z STIG contains all requirements that were flagged as applicable from the UNIX SRG.

3. DISA hereby releases the SLES v11 for System z STIG, Version 1, for immediate use as a DoD-approved security requirements guideline. This document is available on http://iase.disa.mil.

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