

UNITED STATES OFFICE OF
GOVERNMENT ETHICS



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The Honorable Shaun Donovan
Director
Office of Management and Budget
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Washington, DC 20503

Pursuant to the Office of Management and Budget Memorandum FY 2015 reporting guidelines for Non-CFO Act agencies, this provides the Office of Government Ethics' (OGE) assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of its information security policies, procedures, and practices in compliance with Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (FISMA) requirements for the agency.

OGE remains committed to maintaining an IT security program that takes a risk-based approach to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of OGE systems and data. I am able to report that no major incidents occurred during this reporting period.

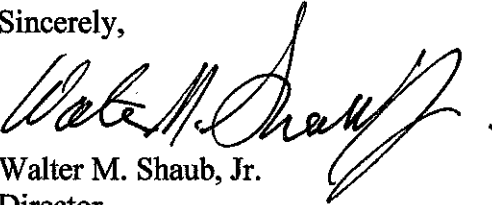
OGE IT Security Program Highlights:

- OGE was one of the first agencies to fully implement the Managed Trusted Internet Protocol Service (MTIPS), which plays an active role in protecting the agency's network.
- OGE's private network is scanned for vulnerabilities on a weekly basis by the National Cybersecurity Assessment and Technical Services (NCATS) at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).
- OGE is participating as a charter member of the Continuous Diagnostics and Mitigation Program managed by the DHS, and actively participates in meetings, conference calls, and the ongoing procurement process.
- OGE has partially deployed PIV card authentication to the OGE network; full deployment is scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2015.
- OGE's IT specialists continuously monitor the security of OGE's information technology resources.
- OGE conducts annual cybersecurity awareness classes.

Based on the strength of our risk management approach to IT security at OGE, I have a high level of confidence in the adequacy and effectiveness of OGE's IT security program.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me or Ty Cooper, OGE's Chief Information Officer, at 202-482-9226.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter M. Shaub, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Walter M. Shaub, Jr.
Director