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RE: NEMISIS FISMA Compliance, Moderate Level

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To Whom It May Concern:

IT Federal Services has evaluated NEMISIS from the University of Utah for FISMA based compliance as a third party assessor. As part of the federal requirements, an A&A (Assessment and Authorization) process was followed where the review of the NEMISIS system occurred by applying the NIST Risk Management Framework and the review of effective security controls implemented for the system. IT Federal Services performed the assessment of all FISMA moderate baseline controls and assisted with review of all documentation to ensure that the C&A package is compliant and compatible as a designated federally contracted system. IT Federal Services has supported and implemented FISMA programs at several Federal and DoD agencies with C&A (Certification and Accreditation) and A&A programs. Contractors, such as the NEMISIS program, follow FISMA compliance efforts in the same depth as a federal system to validate security controls as recommended within FISMA Risk Management Framework.

NEMISIS, as currently configured, maintains a high degree of security for the system and its hosted data. There are no significant risks that may compromise any of the collected or reported data. Security risks were verified through the review of NIST controls and local vulnerability scanning. We have recommended that additional steps be taken to strengthen weaknesses that were identified for NEMISIS application and network.

It is my expert opinion that NEMISIS should be rated as FISMA compliant and accredited as a valid and secure system for federal data. The level of the certification which was completed was performed for a moderate baseline level.

If there are questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel Weiske".

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