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MEMORANDUM for Members of the Federal CIO Council

From: Ed Roback, Chief, NIST Computer Security Division

Subject: NIST Security Guidelines

NIST has completed the final draft of Special Publication 800-53, *Recommended Security Controls for Federal Information Systems*. This draft guideline provides a recommended set of security controls for low, moderate, and high impact information systems based upon the system's FIPS 199 security categorization. After a brief comment period, final publication is anticipated in February. When finalized, 800-53 will serve as our interim guidance on minimum security controls until we publish a formal Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS 200) containing minimum controls, which is due in December (as specified by FISMA.) Thank you to all of you who provided us with your very valuable comments. If you have any additional comments, please send them to us at [sec-cert@nist.gov](mailto:sec-cert@nist.gov) by February 11, 2005.

Additionally, we have now completed NIST Special Publication 800-65, *Integrating IT Security into the Capital Planning and Investment Control Process*. This publication describes a process and methodology for effectively addressing identification, prioritization and integration of security requirements into the IT investment process which can be used by agencies to build upon their existing processes if applicable.

Both of the above guidelines can be downloaded via:  
<http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistpubs/index.html> .