




Memorandum

Date: July 24, 2023

Subject: INFORMATION: Audit Announcement | MARAD's U.S. Merchant Marine Academy's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program's Information Management System | Project No. 23T3006T000
Maritime Administration

From: Kevin Dorsey 
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To: Maritime Administrator
DOT Chief Information Officer

In December 2022, Congress passed the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for fiscal year 2023.¹ The act required the Maritime Administrator to establish within the United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) Sexual Assault prevention and Response Program, an information management system to track and maintain, in such a manner that patterns can be reasonably identified, information regarding sexual assault or sexual harassment claims involving cadets and other Academy personnel. The act also requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) Office of Inspector General to conduct a cybersecurity audit of this system. Accordingly, we are initiating this audit. Our audit objective is to conduct a cybersecurity review of the information management system and to determine whether it meets the requirements of section 3531(a) of the NDAA.

We plan to begin work immediately and will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. We will conduct our work at DOT Headquarters in Washington, DC, and sites where USMMA maintains information on the relevant information system. If you have any questions, please contact me or Stacy Jordan, Program Director.

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¹ Pub. L. No. 117-263 (2022).