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(U) IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTINUOUS EVALUATION PROGRAM

(U//~~FOUO~~) The National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) will be joining the Intelligence Community in the implementation of Continuous Evaluation Program (CEP) as announced by the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) in January 2015. The DNI's announcement included all executive branch personnel cleared for access to classified information. The information below describes what this means for you as the holder of a TOP SECRET/Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) clearance working at the NRO.

(U//~~FOUO~~) Continuous Evaluation (CE) is part of the security clearance reform effort and insider threat initiatives to modernize personnel security processes and increase the timeliness of information between investigative cycles of periodic reinvestigation (PR). [REDACTED]

(b)(3) 50 USC ± 3024(i)

[REDACTED] It is important to remember that CE will not be a replacement for the PR – rather, CE records checks will be conducted on a more frequent basis and provide inputs into the PR process.

(U//~~FOUO~~) In order to facilitate CE, the DNI established the CEP in the National Counterintelligence and Security Center (NCSC). The CEP is responsible for establishing policy, guidance, and standards for the implementation of CE across the executive branch in accordance with the 2012 Federal Investigative Standards. NCSC is developing a CE System (CES) capable of conducting the automated records checks. To allow agencies to prepare for full CE requirements (all data categories and data sources), the DNI has directed a phased implementation of CE. [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: (U) Implementation of Continuous Evaluation Program

(U//~~FOUO~~) The CE process will provide near real-time updates of information to help quickly detect instances that might require further investigation. Such updates are vitally important to the protection of our national security, and can help prevent small problems from turning into big ones. Security-relevant information discovered in the course of these checks will be sent to the appropriate personnel security office for investigation and adjudication under the same standards currently in place. Implementation of CE will not alter clearance holders' existing rights or responsibilities, and will incorporate protections for privacy and civil liberties. As clearance holders, we all remain obligated to comply with requirements for reporting security-relevant information.

(U//~~FOUO~~) We are all custodians of our nation's secrets. Protecting those secrets must be our highest priority, and the CE initiative will do a great deal to further this important objective. Thank you to all of you for your hard work supporting this important mission. As we move forward, you will receive more information about the implementation of the CE initiative.


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