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SUBJECT: National Operations Security Awareness Month Change

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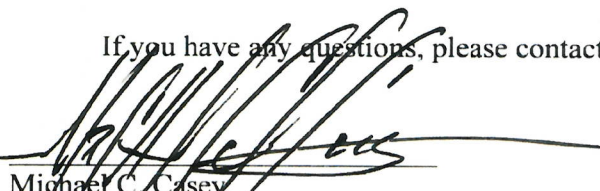
National Operations Security (OPSEC) Awareness Month was formally initiated in January 2023. This national month of recognition has played a vital role in the implementation and integration of the National OPSEC Program (NOP) across U.S. Government Executive Branch Departments and Agencies, per NSPM-28. Community partners have recognized the significance of OPSEC and have made extensive efforts in standing up their OPSEC Programs in alignment with policy requirements. Implementing the NOP into an agency's culture and business practices is not a small feat and requires leadership advocacy, collaboration and training to build a sustainable program.

National OPSEC Awareness Month recognition affords everyone the opportunity to highlight the significance of OPSEC, identify critical information and incorporate risk mitigation techniques to protect against global adversaries and competitors that impact our nation and national security. As OPSEC programs continue to cultivate across the U.S. Government, the NOP has recognized the importance and impact of the National OPSEC Awareness Month and the need to transition to a month that better aligns with schedule demands and national holidays that compete with the month of January.

The National Counterintelligence and Security Center and the National OPSEC Program Office have elected to move the National OPSEC Awareness Month from January to May as of 2025. We understand that this transition may initially impact some partner plans for January, however, we believe the long-term sustainability and planning efforts to support and recognize OPSEC programs and initiatives across the community will be better suited during the month of May.

As always, the NOP will continue to support OPSEC community partners across the U.S. Government through hosting the National OPSEC Symposium and providing advanced training, programmatic support, self-assessments and awareness resources in alignment with the requirements of NSPM-28.

If you have any questions, please contact the NOP at [NOP@odni.gov](mailto:NOP@odni.gov).

  
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