

CMMC Update:

Review of NIST 800-171 Rev3

Part 2

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- **Secure your Networks. Now**
- Contractual obligation to comply with National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) 800-171Rev2
 - Companies not complying sufficiently under current regulation
 - Does not negate obligation to meet the contractual requirements
- CMMC announced Jul '19 -- 3rd Party Assessments to ensure 800-171 implementation in the future
 - CMMC 2.0 announced Nov '21
- **DRAFT NIST 800-171Rev3 released 10 May 23**

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Supply Chain Risk Management (SCRM) Domain



- **Supply Chain Risk Management (SCRM)**
 - “**Develop a plan** for managing supply chain risks associated with the development, manufacturing, acquisition, delivery, operations, maintenance, and disposal of the system, system components, or system services. “
- **Goals:**
 - Prevent purchase of pre-compromised materials (backdoor chips added to motherboards)
 - Avoid counterfeit parts (Cisco)
 - Reduce risk of product/service becoming compromised (Solarwinds)
 - Reduce risk of risk of product/service not performing its purpose (MSSPs that fail to perform incident monitoring)
- **Different from contractual SCRM which focuses on not passing-through compromised / counterfeit parts to US Government**

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Non-Federal Organization (NFO) Controls

- **Most NFO controls/requirements (see Appendix E of 171Rev2... these are assumed to be in place) were incorporated into the main body although a few remain**
- **Policies and Procedures now explicitly required as part of the new Planning Domain**
 - They did not break this down for each domain and do *not* require a procedure for each requirement
 - “Procedures can be documented in system security plans or in one or more separate documents.”
- **System Security Plan (SSP) and Incident Response Plan (IRP)**
 - Don’t wait—clear, concise documentation of processes
 - Include update procedures and track updates

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System Security Plan – What do I document?

- **SSP: primary source of cybersecurity policies**
- **NIST 800-171 Rev 3: “unambiguously compliant”**
 - **Can choose to leverage multiple supporting documents**
 - **Supporting documents: artifacts, procedures, plans**
- **Documenting can help identify shortfalls in processes**
- **Unsure whether to document? Document it!**

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Incident Response Policy (or plan?)

- **May be most important document/plan**
- **When an event happens what do you do?**
- **IR policies frequently 50+ pages**
 - **Cover all aspects of Incident Response**
- **Working with a vendor, partner, or parent company?**
 - **Examine and document each entity's roles and responsibilities**
 - **Eliminate Assumptions**
 - **Granular questions**
 - **Success = repeatable processes, realistic checkpoints**

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Where do I start with my documentation?

- **At ground zero?**
 - **GRC platform may help organize**
 - **Boiler plate templates**
- **Some documentation?**
 - **Consider independent trusted advisor**
 - **Beware of group think**
- **Almost there?**
 - **Congratulations!**
 - **Have someone check your work**
 - **Avoid blind spots**

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- **Addresses major flaw of Rev2**
 - **Verifying security of external systems was barely mentioned – and no minimums defined**
 - Cloud hosting providers: AWS, Office 365, Salesforce
 - Service providers: Remote Management clouds, MSPs, MSSPs
 - Other providers: Co-locations, third party datacenters, consultants
- **Flaw drove DoD to add extra requirement: “clouds must be FedRAMP moderate or equivalent”**
 - Will Rev3 clarify expectation is 800-171 for non-federal systems?

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Use of External Systems

- **Goal:** If an external information system can access your CUI, make sure it is at least as secure as your information system!
- **3.1.20:** [Selection (one or more): Establish [Assignment: organization-defined terms and conditions]; **Identify** [Assignment: **organization-defined controls asserted to be implemented on external systems**]], consistent with the trust relationships established with other organizations owning, operating, and/or maintaining external systems, allowing authorized individuals to:
 1. Access the system from external systems; and
 2. Process, store, or transmit CUI using external systems; **OR** b. Prohibit the use of [Assignment: organizationally-defined types of external systems].
- **3.1.21:** a. Permit authorized individuals to **use an external system to access the system** or to **process, store, or transmit CUI** only after:
 1. Implemented **controls on the external system** as specified in the organization's security policies and security plans **are verified**; or
 2. Approved system connection or processing **agreements** with the organizational entity hosting the external system **are retained**.

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External service providers

- **Goals:**
 - Know how your provider is helping you perform security requirements
 - Ensure they perform appropriate controls
 - Evaluate regularly
- a. Require the providers of external system services to **comply with organizational security requirements and** implement the following controls: [Assignment: **organization-defined controls**].
- b. Define and document organizational oversight and user roles and responsibilities with regard to external system services.
- c. Implement the following processes, methods, and techniques to **monitor control compliance by external service providers on an ongoing basis:** [Assignment: organization-defined processes, methods, and techniques]

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Independent assessment requirements

- **3.12.5. Independent Assessment**
 - Use independent assessors or assessment teams to assess controls
- **Independent assessors or assessment teams**
 - Individuals or groups who conduct impartial security assessments of the system
 - “Impartiality” means assessors are free from perceived or actual conflicts of interest regarding development, operation, sustainment, or management of the system under assessment or the determination of control effectiveness.

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Phantom Increases

- 800-171r2 formatting obscured too much of the underlying CUI-relevant controls in 800-53r4 creating the illusion that 800-171r3 formatting introduces significant net-new requirement tasks

800-53r4 (WAS)

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800-171r2 (IS)

3.1.22 Control CUI posted or processed on publicly accessible systems.



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- What?
- When?
- How often?

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- Changes between 800-171r2 and 800-171r3 have less to do with 171 itself and more to do with changes between 800-53r4 and 800-53r5 (or lack thereof)

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**Is this really a 50% increase in the number of line items?
Is it actually “new”?**

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Phantom Decreases

SP 800-171r2

[3.10.3](#) Escort visitors and monitor visitor activity.

DISCUSSION




Individuals with permanent physical access authorization credentials are not considered visitors. Audit logs can be used to monitor visitor activity.

[3.10.4](#) Maintain audit logs of physical access.

[3.10.5](#) Control and manage physical access devices.

SP 800-171r3 IPD

1530 **3.10.7. Physical Access Control**

- 1531 a. Enforce physical access authorizations at [Assignment: organization-defined entry and exit points to the facility where the system resides] by:
- 1532
- 1533 1. Verifying individual access authorizations before granting access to the facility; and
- 1534 2. Controlling ingress and egress to the facility using [Selection (one or more):
- 1535 [Assignment: organization-defined physical access control systems or devices];
- 1536 guards].
- 1537  b. Maintain physical access audit logs for [Assignment: organization-defined entry or exit points].
- 1538
- 1539  c. Escort visitors and control visitor activity [Assignment: organization-defined circumstances requiring visitor escorts and control of visitor activity].
- 1540
- 1541  d. Secure keys, combinations, and other physical access devices.

1512 **3.10.3.** Withdrawn: Incorporated into 3.10.7.

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1514 **3.10.5.** Withdrawn: Incorporated into 3.10.7.

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- Most “withdrawn” requirements simply arrange 800-53 control elements according to 800-53 catalog formatting & hierarchy rather than representing as independent requirements in 171r2

800-53r4 (WAS)

AC-17 REMOTE ACCESS

Control: The organization:

- a. Establishes and documents usage restrictions, configuration/connection requirements, and implementation guidance for each type of remote access allowed; and
- b. Authorizes remote access to the information system prior to allowing such connections.

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The information system monitors and controls remote access methods.

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(3) REMOTE ACCESS | MANAGED ACCESS CONTROL POINTS
The information system routes all remote accesses through [Assignment: organization-defined number] managed network access control points.

(4) REMOTE ACCESS | PRIVILEGED COMMANDS / ACCESS
The organization:
(a) Authorizes the execution of privileged commands and access to security-relevant information via remote access only for [Assignment: organization-defined needs]; and
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- 800-53 controls have multiple “enhancements” which provides a general approach to sequencing implementation that 800-171r2 formatting obscured

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- Understanding what 800-171 is asking for, in which sequence, and how to anticipate future changes in 171r3 and beyond requires familiarity with 800-53; it's an extremely valuable reference

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- **Secure your Networks. Now**
- **Know your contracts**
- **Know your business processes**
 - Cybersecurity is an operational imperative, not an IT problem
- **Based on your contracts and processes, implement the biggest impact/biggest value solutions**
- **ISO 27001 Certification?**
- **Comments on R3? membership@ndia.org by 4 July for consolidation prior to the 14 July deadline**

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