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WASHINGTON – The Treasury Department agency tasked with overseeing the [Internal Revenue Service](#) has issued a report saying that the nation's taxing authority needs to do a better job of tracking its efforts to eliminate identified flaws in the security of systems involving taxpayer data.

The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) reviewed whether closed corrective actions to security weaknesses and findings reported by TIGTA have been fully implemented, validated, and documented as implemented.

TIGTA identified weakened management controls over the IRS's closed planned corrective actions (PCA) for the security of systems involving taxpayer data. Eight (42 percent) of 19 PCAs that were approved and closed as fully implemented to address reported security weaknesses from prior TIGTA audits were only partially implemented. These PCAs involved systems with taxpayer data.

In addition, documents did not support the closure of the PCAs, and supporting documents were not always uploaded to a Treasury Department database and were not readily available.

“When the right degree of security diligence is not applied to systems, disgruntled insiders or malicious outsiders may exploit security weaknesses to gain unauthorized access,” said J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration.

TIGTA made six recommendations, including advising the IRS to: strengthen its management controls to adhere to internal control requirements, provide refresher

training to employees involved in uploading data to the Treasury database, audit the

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recommendation as stated, to ensure the implementation of all PCAs over security weaknesses.

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