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Hi Rachel,

I have one more....

AR 05:04:06:10 procedures for voter registration file security (This is not ready for prime time and should be pulled at this point:

1) There is not a proper discussion to adherence to any pre-defined security standards such as NIST SP 800-53, NIST SP 800-171, CIS, or others . Nor is there a properly defined scan schedule of at least once every 30 days with proper reporting and resolution requirements. The "White hat" is not developed enough as a starting point to launch adequately enough for these needs. an proper discussion of requirements on 2 factor authentication, anti-virus, backups, antivirus, life cycle of systems, patch management, processes, source code, reporting of issues process, resolution reporting requirement, transaction logs are not discussed, nor is data storage retention determined.

2) A mix of a hardware and software VPN with dedicated laptops at the county level, with hard coded IP Addresses, should be used to setup a network for auditors to enter in information into the voter registration system, those laptops should be purchased and maintained by the SD SOS office....The laptop would run a secure session for the voter registration system...with no data stored on the laptop...such as a thin client that could not operate outside of pre-approved VPN connections.

It is my recommendation to table this until it is properly defined, improved and re-reviewed.

Thank you,

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Hi, Rick. I will pass these along as well.

Do you have more comments coming? I have been forwarding these on to the BOE as I get them but will send all together if you have more.

Thanks.

*Rachel Soulek*

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Good afternoon,

Additional thoughts on testing for folded/mailed absentee ballots....please see attached.

Thank you,

Rick Weible

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