



Memorandum

Date February 27, 2012

From Information Systems Security Officer
Office of Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services

Subject BioSense 2.0 Authority to Operate

To Director
Division of Informatics Solutions & Operations

All federal IT information and systems must satisfy Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has implemented a Certification and Accreditation (C&A) program in concert with FISMA requirements, as well as an ongoing change management and risk assessment process to ascertain and mitigate security risks including those that may result from IT system changes. Along with this ongoing security evaluation and testing, C&A documentation and security test results for CDC systems are reviewed by system owners and, if necessary, updated, no less than annually.

CDC's Office of the Chief Information Security Officer (OCISO) oversees the formal security authorization process, ensuring throughout the system life-cycle that FISMA-mandated security controls are tested for accuracy, adequacy, and adherence to federal and CDC security policies and procedures.

BioSense 2.0 has completed its initial Certification and Accreditation and has been granted an Authority to Operate (ATO) by the CDC. The current BioSense 2.0 C&A was completed in November, 2011.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alison F. Gunnels".

Alison F. Gunnels