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●政府説明責任局（GAO）、多くの連邦省庁のサイバー攻撃対応に不備を報告

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政府説明責任局（GAO）は 5 月 30 日発表した報告で、サイバー攻撃への対応で不備が認められた連邦機関が 20 数省庁に上ることを明らかにした。

同報告によると、連邦省庁は直面したサイバー攻撃の約 65%のケースで対応策を完全に記録しておらず、連邦政府の定める基準を満たす総合的サイバー攻撃対応プランを持っていない省庁も多かった。

GAO は、データ流出があった際にその規模の概要だけを記録し、影響等については記載していなかった例や、新たな攻撃を防ぐために取った対策を記録していなかった例を挙げている。

連邦政府全体で見ると、報告されたサイバー攻撃件数は、2012 年の 3 万 5000 件未満から昨年には 4 万 6000 件超に増加。GAO は、サイバー緊急事態対応チームを運営する国土安全保障省（DHS）に対して、各省庁の対策を測る手段を改善するよう呼びかけ。また、DHS と行政予算管理局が政府のサイバー対策を検証する場合はサイバーインシデントへの対応手段に焦点を置くべきとしている。

（参考）本件報道記事

GAO: Feds have holes in cyber response

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Two-dozen federal agencies have holes in their responses to cyber attacks, according to a new report from Congress's investigative arm. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) report out on Friday shows that the agencies did not completely document the work they did in about 65 percent of the cases they faced and many did not have comprehensive plans in line with federal requirements.

“Without complete policies, plans, and procedures, along with appropriate oversight of response activities, agencies face reduced assurance that they can effectively respond to cyber incidents,” the GAO said.

In some cases, agencies outlined how large a data breach was but did not note its impact. In others, agencies neglected to note what steps they had taken to prevent another attack.

Cyber attacks have been on the rise in recent years, with more than 46,000 reported across the federal government last year, according to the GAO. That's a major jump from 2012, when the government saw fewer than 35,000 incidents. The office said that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) , which runs an emergency readiness team to tackle agency cyber attacks, needs to develop better ways of measuring its progress.

Without those metrics, the federal cyber team “will face challenges in ensuring it is effectively assisting federal agencies with preparing for and responding to cyber incidents,” the GAO said.

Federal officials at the DHS and White House budget office should also make sure that reviews of government cyber issues focus on ways to respond to incidents, it added.

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