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Ms. April Yakupkovic is dual hatted and serves as the Cybersecurity Compliance Branch Chief for the Chief Information Security Officer Directorate (CISOD) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Management (MGMT) Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) Compliance and Ongoing Authorization Manager. Her critical role places her as the gatekeeper to ensure DHS's cybersecurity posture is strengthened by effectively managing cybersecurity risks and ensuring DHS-wide compliance with federal information security laws, regulations, policies, mandates, and standards.

Responsible for the Agency as well as the 100 General Support Systems and Major Applications, and more than 150 Subsystems, Minor Applications, and External Information Systems within the HQ Security Portfolio, April leads a large team to ensure compliance is monitored, and performance is tracked on a continuous basis. This includes the oversight and management for tracking the creation, closure, and risk acceptance of thousands of POAMs, privacy requirements, contingency plans, and assessment activities. She also manages the Ongoing Authorization Program, Security Authorization and Document Review Team, FISMA Inventory Team, and Common Controls/Programs Team as she spearheads the efforts to establish and maintain a better security posture for the Agency .

April strives to go above and beyond in furthering the mission of DHS, and is constantly working diligently to help anyone along the way. She is an exceptional leader who has developed a motivated team that goes above and beyond the requirements to achieve meeting any challenge that is presented. She is known for her high quality of standards and customer satisfaction. She has worked for DHS for nine years as both a contractor and Federal employee. Before coming to DHS, she was an EEO investigator and paralegal.

April is a native of Maryland and holds a Bachelor of Science in Business from Virginia Tech. Her six year old son, Ashton, is her pride and joy. She is an avid Hokie, Wizards, and Washington Football fan.

April's favorite Mantra is:

"She believed, she could, so she did"

