



**Information Technology Services  
Security Control Standards**

**NIST Control Family – Audit and Accountability**

CONTROL NUMBER	CONTROL NAME	PRIORITY	REVISION DATE	NEXT SCHEDULED REVIEW DATE
AU-8	Time Stamps	P1	4/15/2020	4/15/2021

**I. Statement**

Tarleton State University information system must use standardized clocks to generate time stamps for audit records to facilitate logging and monitoring.

**II. Applicability**

This Control applies to all Tarleton network information resources. The intended audience for this Control includes all information resource owners, custodians, and users of information resources.

**III. Risk Statement**

The lack of operational control to synchronize system clocks with an authoritative time source may hinder the ability to monitor timestamps from logs which could affect the incident response process.

**IV. Implementation**

All Agency-owned information resources that are capable of network time protocol (NTP) shall sync with the NIST NTP server at time.nist.gov. A local NTP server with less than 5 second deviation from the NIST reference server may be operated.