Table 1 summarizes the potential impact definitions for each security objective—confidentiality, integrity, and availability.

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[44 U.S.C., SEC. 3542] | The unauthorized disclosure of information could be expected to have a limited adverse effect on organizational operations, organizational assets, or individuals. | The unauthorized disclosure of information could be expected to have a serious adverse effect on organizational operations, organizational assets, or individuals. | The unauthorized disclosure of information could be expected to have a severe or catastrophic adverse effect on organizational operations, organizational assets, or individuals. |
| **Integrity** | Guarding against improper information modification or destruction, and includes ensuring information non-repudiation and authenticity.  
[44 U.S.C., SEC. 3542] | The unauthorized modification or destruction of information could be expected to have a limited adverse effect on organizational operations, organizational assets, or individuals. | The unauthorized modification or destruction of information could be expected to have a serious adverse effect on organizational operations, organizational assets, or individuals. | The unauthorized modification or destruction of information could be expected to have a severe or catastrophic adverse effect on organizational operations, organizational assets, or individuals. |
| **Availability** | Ensuring timely and reliable access to and use of information.  
[44 U.S.C., SEC. 3542] | The disruption of access to or use of information or an information system could be expected to have a limited adverse effect on organizational operations, organizational assets, or individuals. | The disruption of access to or use of information or an information system could be expected to have a serious adverse effect on organizational operations, organizational assets, or individuals. | The disruption of access to or use of information or an information system could be expected to have a severe or catastrophic adverse effect on organizational operations, organizational assets, or individuals. |