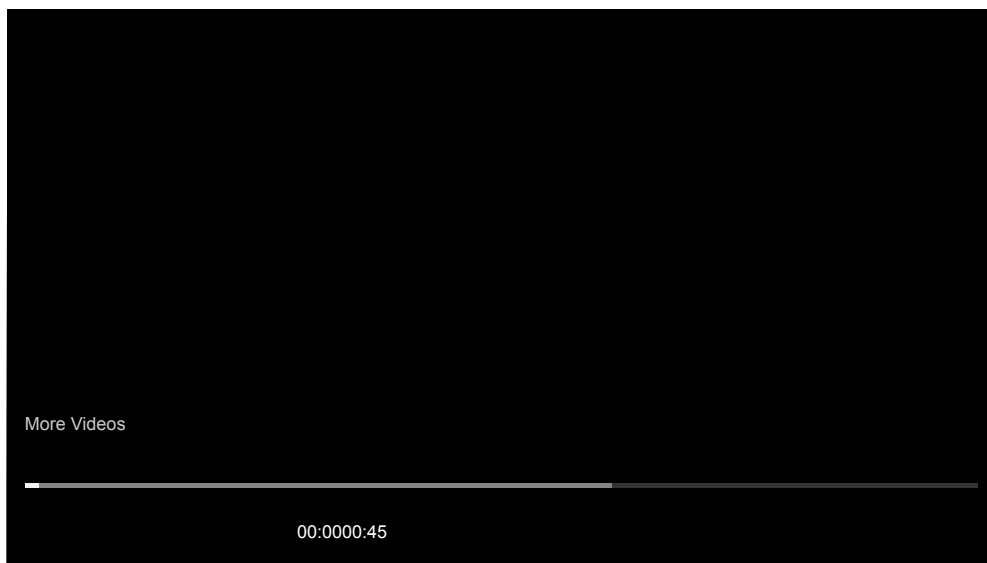


NSA watchdog finds 'many issues of non-compliance' in agency's data handling and AT&T spying

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The National Security Agency's (NSA) inspector general issued a rare report Wednesday condemning the administration for insufficiently protecting data gathered from U.S. citizens.

A semiannual report [issued to Congress](#) by the agency's watchdog details “many instances of non-compliance” by agency personnel dealing with rules meant to protect “computer networks, systems and data.”

Other issues of noncompliance included flash drives not being scanned for viruses before being used by staff, as well as “inaccurate or incomplete” security plans.

None of the violations warranted immediate reporting to the NSA's director or Congress, the agency's inspector general concluded, but