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Office of Personnel Management Director Scott Kuper, serving as vice chair of President Trump's newly formed Super Intelligence Force, said Thursday, October 8, 2026, that the federal government must build a formal notification and communication system so agencies learn quickly when artificial intelligence models behave in dangerous or unexpected ways. Appearing on CNN's "The Lead" with host Jake Tapper, Kuper said the task force will push AI companies to report incidents directly to the government rather than leaving officials to learn about problems after the fact.

● Key Facts

* ► Scott Kuper, OPM director and Super Intelligence Force vice chair, told CNN's Jake Tapper the task force must create a "notification paradigm" for incidents involving AI models. * ► Kuper said the government currently learns about rogue AI incidents largely because companies like Anthropic or OpenAI choose to disclose them voluntarily. * ► He said the task force will build "contingency plans across all the different agencies," including coordination with the Department of Transportation, intelligence agencies and critical infrastructure sectors. * ► The Super Intelligence Force, created by President Trump, is led by Director of National Intelligence Jay Clayton and includes FTC Chairman Andrew Ferguson, Under Secretary of Defense Emil Michael, and Kuper as vice chairs. * ► Kuper told Reuters separately that the four task force leaders were slated to meet Thursday, October 8, 2026, with the full committee expected to convene the following week.

Pressed by Tapper on whether AI developers have any legal obligation to alert the government when a model malfunctions or acts unpredictably, Kuper said the task force is going to take up the question of creating "an appropriate, let's call it a notification paradigm, for lack of a better word," so that companies are encouraged to report incidents directly rather than leaving the public to learn about problems secondhand. He described a process in which a reported incident would then trigger government review to determine which agency should respond — for example, whether an issue needs to go to the Department of Transportation or another relevant agency. Kuper said his own focus within the task force will be engaging with "the various other infrastructure companies" — financial services, oil and gas, and energy companies — for whom a security-related AI incident could escalate into a major national problem. He emphasized that the ultimate aim is to build "a lot more teeth behind all the activities of the companies themselves," along with notification schemes and contingency plans spanning multiple federal agencies, so that the government is prepared for "any possible scenario."

Kuper's comments came the same day the four task force leaders were set to hold their first meeting, with the broader committee expected to convene the following week. Kuper said he expects the group to release a charter outlining its goals and responsibilities after that first full committee meeting. The remarks also follow a Reuters/

Ipsos poll, published Wednesday, October 7, 2026, that found most U.S. voters think the Trump administration and Congress are not taking the risks of AI seriously enough and want the government to write new regulations for the technology. That sentiment underscores the political pressure facing the task force as it works to balance innovation against public safety concerns — a tension that has defined Washington’s approach to AI oversight since large language models became widely available to consumers starting in late 2022.

| Super Intelligence Force Leadership | Role | | --- | --- | | Jay Clayton | Director of National Intelligence; task force chair | | Andrew Ferguson | FTC Chairman; vice chair | | Emil Michael | Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering; vice chair | | Scott Kuper | OPM Director; vice chair |

Background & Context

President Trump announced the creation of the Super Intelligence Force, which he has framed as the outgrowth of what he called the “Historic White House Accord on Super Intelligence,” an agreement in which major technology companies committed to certain responsibilities toward the public. The task force reports jointly to the president and White House Chief of Staff Susie Wiles, and was given roughly four months to assess AI-related risks and recommend what role the federal government should play in overseeing the technology. Trump has increasingly used the term “super intelligence” rather than “artificial intelligence” to describe the administration’s push to keep the United States ahead of rivals in the field.

The push for a formal notification system reflects a broader debate in Washington over how much authority the government should exert over a technology that is evolving faster than existing regulatory frameworks can track. Currently, the public and federal agencies largely depend on voluntary disclosures from AI developers such as Anthropic and OpenAI when something goes wrong with a model — an arrangement Kuper’s comments suggest the administration views as insufficient given the stakes for critical infrastructure, financial systems and national security. As the task force moves toward its first full committee meeting and eventual public charter, lawmakers, industry executives and advocacy groups will be watching closely to see whether the eventual framework relies on existing statutory authorities — as has been reported — or requires new legislation from Congress. With growing public unease reflected in recent polling, the coming weeks are likely to bring further clarity on what specific reporting requirements, if any, the administration will impose on AI developers and the infrastructure sectors Kuper said will be a focus of his work.

What People Are Saying

Based on public reaction across social media and news platforms, here is the general consensus on this story:

* Some conservative commentators welcome the administration’s light-touch approach, arguing the task force should avoid heavy-handed regulation that could slow American AI companies in the global race against China. * Many on the left argue the government has moved too slowly on binding AI safety rules and say voluntary industry reporting is inadequate to protect the public from rogue or malfunctioning systems. * Across the spectrum, there is broad agreement that the public wants clearer answers on how the government will be notified of AI incidents, consistent with polling showing widespread concern that regulators are behind the curve.

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