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Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards

## CFATS Reauthorization

For the past 11 years, CFATS has been identifying and regulating high-risk chemical facilities. In 2014, the program was granted a longer four-year reauthorization—a clear message of confidence from our legislators, and a testament to the hard work of the chemical security community in securing the Nation’s chemicals. The current reauthorization is set to expire in January 2019, and DHS and our stakeholders are working to seek long-term reauthorization.

Facility owners and operators have been instrumental in the program’s success. Their commitment and feedback has been critical to making CFATS the gold standard in chemical security. By implementing thousands of security measures, they have acknowledged that we all have a stake in protecting our communities by reducing the risk of dangerous chemicals, and this will go a long way toward reauthorization in 2019.

The CFATS Act of 2014 provided industry stakeholders with the certainty they needed to plan for CFATS-related security measures to harden their critical sites against possible terrorist attack or exploitation. It afforded the stability needed to enable the Department to streamline and make programmatic improvements, and sent a clear message to potentially-covered facilities that their long-term security investments would not go to waste. We currently cover approximately 3,500 high-risk chemical facilities.

Amongst our bigger and more recent accomplishments is the culmination of three years of working with industry, academia and other federal partners to implement an enhanced risk-tiering methodology, a fundamental element to better assess risk at chemical facilities with holdings of chemicals of interest. We streamlined the Chemical Security Assessment Tool (CSAT) reducing the time it takes facilities to submit information. Additionally, we implemented the Expedited Approval Program for Tier 3 and 4 facilities, and the Personnel Surety Program in Tier 1 and Tier 2, closing a gap in the overall CFATS security program.

In addition to programmatic enhancements, we continued to prioritize outreach to various stakeholder communities—including relevant industries and organizations. DHS has been reaching out to first responders and emergency managers with the aim of ensuring that information is available to those who have a need to know about high-risk chemical facilities in their jurisdictions.

Chemical security is very much a pressing need and must remain a high priority in view of the threat environment. Long-term reauthorization for CFATS will allow the Department and the chemical security community to continue to work together to secure the country’s chemicals. Recognizing the shared responsibility and dedication in keeping our Nation secure, we must all work together to ensure we prevent any gaps in chemical security.

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## CFATS Program Statistics as of July 1, 2018

To date, DHS has received over **89,000** Top-Screen submissions from over **40,000** unique facilities.

Of these, the CFATS program currently covers **3,364** facilities—**75 percent** of these have approved SSPs in place, and **25 percent** are in the process of authorization or approval.

Additionally, the program has completed **3,713** Authorization Inspections, **3,688** Compliance Inspections, and **4,463** Compliance Assistance Visits since the inception of the program.

Monthly updates on these statistics and more can be found at [www.dhs.gov/cfats-monthly-update](http://www.dhs.gov/cfats-monthly-update)

If you have any questions about the numbers reported, please contact [CFATS@HQ.DHS.GOV](mailto:CFATS@HQ.DHS.GOV)

## ISCD Leadership Update

We are pleased to welcome back Director Dave Wulf, who was serving as the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection for the last 18 months. Just recently at the Energy and Commerce Hearing on Capitol Hill, Rep. John Shimkus said, “Very few people have demonstrated the courage, commitment, and longevity with the program that Dave has -- he’s kind of the Cal Ripken of CFATS.” We also want to thank Deputy Director Amy Graydon for serving as Director in his stead.

## Featured Resources

**Request a CFATS Presentation:** Visit [www.dhs.gov/request-cfats-presentation](http://www.dhs.gov/request-cfats-presentation) or email [CFATS@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:CFATS@hq.dhs.gov)

**Request a Compliance Assistance Visit (CAV):** Visit [www.dhs.gov/cfats-request-compliance-assistance-visit](http://www.dhs.gov/cfats-request-compliance-assistance-visit)

**CSAT Help Desk:** Call 866-323-2957 or email [CSAT@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:CSAT@hq.dhs.gov).

The **CFATS Knowledge Center** is a repository of FAQs, articles, and documents relating to CFATS and Ammonium Nitrate Programs. Visit [csat-help.dhs.gov/](http://csat-help.dhs.gov/).

**Report a CFATS Violation:** Visit [www.dhs.gov/report-cfats-violation](http://www.dhs.gov/report-cfats-violation), email [CFATSTips@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:CFATSTips@hq.dhs.gov) or call 877-394-4347 (877-FYI-4DHS)

For all other inquiries, comments, questions, or concerns, email [CFATS@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:CFATS@hq.dhs.gov)

## DHS.GOV gets a digital facelift

We are very excited to share with you the new look of the chemical security webpages on DHS.gov. The whole chemical security web structure has been redesigned and restructured to promote a more productive, user-friendly experience.

Changes include redesigned chemical security and CFATS homepages, an improved left-side navigation menu, as well as new pages for events, resources, overarching security objectives and many others.

### Page Highlight: Risk-Based Performance Standards

To assist chemical facilities in taking a holistic approach to their security posture and determine the appropriate security measures, a facility should think about the RBPS through the use of five guideposts: Detection, Delay, Response, Cyber, and Security Management.

These guideposts are the overall security objectives that the RBPS address. Each guidepost bridges multiple RBPS and can be satisfied through one or more of those RBPS.

As you develop your security plan, you may seek additional clarification about a particular RBPS. Visit the updated webpage to easily find information and fact sheets to assist you in complying with the CFATS regulation: [www.dhs.gov/cfats-rbps](http://www.dhs.gov/cfats-rbps)

## New and updated CFATS materials

DHS is committed to providing our stakeholders resources and information to help implement the CFATS program. Since the last issue of the CFATS quarterly, we have published several new fact sheets and flyers, as well as updated some current ones. Some of these materials were the direct result of feedback from stakeholders. If you have ideas for future products, please contact us at [CFATS@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:CFATS@hq.dhs.gov).

All of these materials can be viewed, printed, and downloaded by visiting the Knowledge Center at [csat-help.dhs.gov](http://csat-help.dhs.gov)

**CFATS: RBPS 11—Training Fact Sheet** RBPS 11—Training is the performance standard that addresses security and response training, exercises, and drills. This fact sheet goes over the RBPS and the requirements for satisfying it—including the Security Awareness Training Program (SATP).

**Protect Your Pulp and Paper Chemicals from Use in a Terrorist Attack Fact Sheet** ISCD has created industry-specific fact sheets that will assist your facility in protecting your chemicals from use in a terrorist attack. The latest industry we highlighted is the Pulp and Paper industry—and you can expect more to be released in the future.

**Propane Flyer** Any individual that possesses 60,000 lb or more of propane must report their chemical holdings to DHS. This flyer highlights information to raise awareness of the CFATS role within facilities that have propane. You can download, print, and distribute this flyer as a resource to increase awareness.

**CFATS and the IP Gateway Fact Sheet** DHS established [IP Gateway](#) to improve information sharing and coordination among Federal, State, local, tribal, and territorial agencies. Read or download this related fact sheet to learn more about this centrally-managed repository of critical infrastructure information, which includes certain [CFATS data](#) on a geospatial map.

The **Resources for Law Enforcement and First Responders** and **CFATS: RBPS 9—Response Fact Sheets** have been updated to include resources regarding CFATS and the IP Gateway.

We have updated the **CFATS: Expedited Approval Program Fact Sheet** When the CFATS regulation was reauthorized by Congress in 2014, it created a new option for facilities called the Expedited Approval Program (EAP). The EAP provides an optional process through which facilities assigned a tier 3 or 4 may receive expedited approval of their SSPs and enter directly into a regular cycle of compliance inspections.

## Compliance Corner: Personnel Surety Program (PSP) update

In December 2015, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) published a notice in the Federal Register to inform Tier 1 and Tier 2 high-risk chemical facilities that it would begin implementing the terrorist ties screening portion of RBPS 12 through the Personnel Surety Program (PSP).

Since then, DHS has successfully implemented PSP through four options we have been implementing, which include direct vetting via the PSP application or use of existing and appropriate credentials.

Most facilities have chosen direct vetting, option one, which allows facilities to quickly upload a spreadsheet of affected individuals through their personal Chemical Security Assessment Tool (CSAT) portal dashboard. More than 45,000 individuals have been screened using this method.

Facilities can seek assistance during compliance inspections or technical consultations, and have been able to swiftly implement this measure in their security plans.

With the successful implementation at Tier 1 and Tier 2 facilities, DHS is currently in the process of seeking approval to implement PSP at Tier 3 and Tier 4 facilities. Last December, a 60-day Information Collection Request (ICR) was published in the [Federal Register](#) soliciting public comment on a revised PSP ICR. On June 18, a 30-day ICR notice was published in response to the comments from the 60-day ICR. This is a critical step toward closing the final remaining gap in the implementation of the PSP as part of the CFATS regulation.

We will continue to work collaboratively with stakeholders and Congress in the development of this implementation. Learn more about the PSP here: [www.dhs.gov/cfats-personnel-surety-program](http://www.dhs.gov/cfats-personnel-surety-program)

Sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security, the DHSChemSecurityTalks are three, one-day regional events—serving as regional meeting places to bring together industry owners and operators, key government officials, first responders, and law enforcement to engage in face-to-face discussions and share the latest in security best practices.

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