

CFATS Reauthorization Update

Long-term reauthorization for the CFATS program continues to be a priority for the Department. The 15-month extension of authority passed by Congress, and signed into law by the President in January 2019, reflects the importance of this anti-terrorism program. Since inception, CFATS has fundamentally enhanced chemical security across the U.S. As part of the reauthorization process, on June 4, 2019, Assistant Director for Infrastructure Security Brian Harrell and key industry stakeholders participated in a roundtable discussion before the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC) on reforming the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program.

In his testimony, AD Harrell emphasized the progress the CFATS program has made in bringing the nation's chemical security standards to a higher level and the importance of passing a long-term CFATS reauthorization to ensure that this progress continues. Congress' support for a CFATS reauthorization is critical because it provides stability and regulatory certainty for stakeholders to continue making investments in their security. It also allows the Department to continue improving the efficiency of the program's core functions to meet today's dynamic risk landscape.



Watch the HSGAC roundtable: [Sensibly Reforming the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program.](#)