

## Personnel Surety Program (PSP) to be Rolled Out to All CFATS Facilities



Screening individuals with access to restricted areas and critical assets for terrorist ties at all high-risk chemical facilities is a vital component at the core of CFATS. On May 23, 2019, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)'s [Information Collection Request \(ICR\)](#), which authorizes the Agency to implement PSP at all high-risk facilities (to include Tier 3 and Tier 4 facilities). All CFATS-tiered facilities will be required to include measures that satisfy RBPS 12(iv)—screening for terrorist ties—in their Site Security Plan (SSP) or Alternative Security Program (ASP).

This month CISA will publish an implementation notice in the Federal Register that will describe how we plan to roll-out the program to the nearly 3,000 facilities in Tiers 3 and 4. We anticipate a multi-year phased approach that incorporates lessons learned from implementing PSP at facilities in Tiers 1 and 2. This approach will also allow us to assist facilities with the process of submitting information, and to not overburden any one company.

This implementation closes a critical gap in national security and fulfills CFATS' regulatory and statutory obligation to address insider threat in the nation's highest risk chemical facilities. An updated PSP fact sheet and PSP Sample Supplement will be provided to assist facilities in updating their SSP. This supplement can also be used by facilities electing to submit an ASP.

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