

## House Hearing on CFATS Reauthorization

The reauthorization of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards, set to expire next April, remains a top priority for CISA leadership. During a September 11 hearing, the Associate Director for Chemical Security Dave Wulf and high-level representatives from the chemical security community spoke before the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on H.R. 3256, the bill to extend CFATS through 2025.

A multiyear authorization helps the Agency continue further enhance CFATS' processes and effectiveness to address emerging and priority threats—such as insider threat—and provides stability and predictability to stakeholders as they invest in facility security.



In his testimony, AD Wulf stated, “The stability afforded by long-term authorization has facilitated our planning and execution of important programmatic improvements...and it has afforded regulated industry stakeholders the certainty they deserved as they planned for and made capital investments in CFATS-related security measures.”

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Chemical Sector Coordinating Council— Matt Fridley of Brenntag North America, Inc. and Scott Whelchel of Dow—along with representatives from the Environmental Justice Health Alliance and the United Steelworkers also shared their perspectives on how CFATS has driven positive security outcomes across America’s highest-risk chemical facilities. Outcomes that have led CFATS to become a model chemical-security framework worldwide.

To watch the hearing, click [here](#)