



CFATS Process

CFATS Personnel Surety Program

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CFATS Covered Chemical Facilities

Chemical-terrorism Vulnerability Information

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CFATS PERSONNEL SURETY PROGRAM (PSP)

Under the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS), all covered facilities must submit a security plan (Site Security Plan [SSP] or Alternative Security Program [ASP]) containing security measures that sufficiently meet all the Risk-Based Performance Standards (RBPS) for approval to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA).

RBPS 12 – Personnel Surety requires facilities to account for four types of background checks on facility personnel and unescorted visitors who have or seek access to restricted areas and critical assets at high-risk chemical facilities. These checks include measures designed to:

- i) Verify and validate identity
- ii) Check criminal history
- iii) Verify and validate legal authorization to work
- iv) Identify people with terrorist ties

Part iv—screening for terrorist ties—is implemented through the Personnel Surety Program (PSP). On July 9, 2019, the Agency published a notice in the Federal Register (84 FR 32768) that announced the implementation of the PSP at all covered chemical facilities—including Tier 3 and Tier 4 facilities—closing the final gap in vetting individuals with access to critical assets and restricted areas for terrorist ties. High-risk chemical facilities that have an approved SSP/ASP but have not yet included measures to comply with RBPS 12(iv) will be notified by the Agency in a phased manner of the

