



What is the role of Chemical Security Inspectors?

As part of the DHS Infrastructure Security Compliance Division (ISCD), Chemical Security Inspectors visit chemical facilities to ensure that they meet the security requirements set by the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program. The Inspectors conduct their visits according to data submitted to DHS by the facility in its Site Security Plan (SSP) or Alternative Security Program (ASP). The facility submits documentation to DHS that describes how it is meeting or plans to meet CFATS security standards, and the Inspectors visit the facility to verify the accuracy of the submitted descriptions in comparison to the security measures present at the facility.

Inspectors also perform other visits and outreach activities as part of their mission to improve the security of chemical facilities across the country. Through their visits, Inspectors establish ties with local community stakeholders, such as law enforcement personnel and emergency first responders.

How many Chemical Security Inspectors are there?

Where are they located?

Chemical Security Inspectors are available for chemical facilities and their surrounding communities in each of the 50 States. There are over 100 Chemical Security Inspectors, and they are organized into teams in each of the 10 Federal regions.



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What kind of visits do Chemical Security Inspectors conduct?

The following list provides an overview of the visits conducted by Chemical Security Inspectors:

- **Authorization Inspections (AIs)** are conducted to verify that the security measures listed in a facility's authorized SSP or ASP are accurate and complete, and that the equipment, processes, and procedures described as part of the security measures are appropriate and sufficient to meet CFATS standards.
- **Compliance Assistance Visits (CAVs)** are conducted at facilities that may be subject to CFATS regulation to help them better understand CFATS and what they need to do to find out if the CFATS regulations apply to the facilities. CAVs can also allow Inspectors to visit outlier facilities, verify facility modifications, and follow-up on security issues or results of a recent incident that

may potentially cause the facility to be in non-compliance with its SSP.

- **Comprehensive Compliance Inspections (CCIs)** and **Supplemental Compliance Inspections (SCIs)** are performed as part of the recurring inspection process to ensure the facilities under CFATS regulation continue to implement their approved security plans.
- **Stakeholder Outreach** strengthens ties between Chemical Security Inspectors and facilities and their local communities. At meetings with chemical facility personnel, Inspectors introduce themselves, meet key facility representatives, provide outreach materials, and familiarize themselves with their local regulated community.

What else do Chemical Security Inspectors do for CFATS?

Visits to chemical facilities are only part of what Chemical Security Inspectors do to ensure the success of CFATS. They do many other things as part of their representation of CFATS and ISCD, such as:

- Coordinate and attend meetings to develop connections with local stakeholders, emergency responders, and communities
- Attend Federal, State, local, or private industry events, where they deliver presentations and provide informative materials
- Participate in security exercises, discussion panels and emergency incidents on the national, state, local, city, and regional levels in order to provide subject matter expertise on CFATS regulation
- Provide reports to inform DHS of emerging trends within the chemical sector, as well as relay concerns and inquiries encountered during outreach activities



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By introducing themselves to and staying in contact with facilities, communities and individuals, Chemical Security Inspectors foster the relationships between DHS and the chemical sector that are necessary to keep our chemical facilities secure.

Contact Information

To learn more about CFATS and Chemical Security Inspectors, visit: <http://www.dhs.gov/critical-infrastructure-chemical-security>.

To ask a Department representative to speak on the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) regulatory program, please contact cfats@hq.dhs.gov.