



TSG Solutions, Inc. Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards

Leaning Forward

On April 9, 2007, the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS). Congress authorized and directed DHS to *identify, assess and ensure effective security* at high-risk chemical facilities. Program details are outlined in the Federal Register Part III, Department of Homeland Security, 6 CFR Part 27, Chemical Facility Anti- Terrorism Standards; Final Rule.

Below are the 10 things a facility can do now to prepare for the new standards:

1. **Review Appendix A - Chemical of Interest** and determine if your facility has the identified chemical at or above the specified quantities.
2. **Understand the requirements of CFATS** and the CFATS Process. All applicable information can be found on the TSG website www.tsgsinc.com or on the DHS website www.dhs.gov.
3. **Assemble CFATS Team** which may consist of personnel from operations, safety, security, finance, marketing and legal departments.
4. **Assign duties and responsibilities** to include that of the prepared, reviewer and submitter.
5. **Determine if a reduction in chemicals or an increase of shipment frequency is appropriate.**
6. **Study Top Screen Questions** and assemble all necessary data to answer question.
7. **Review the protection requirements of Chemical-terrorism Vulnerability Information (CVI).** Take the online CVI training course available at www.dhs.gov.
8. **Assemble and review past vulnerability assessments** and security plans and determine the adequacy of the current security program.
9. **Review the safety and security budget.** Given the current CFATS time line, Capital improvements, if necessary, will likely hit the 2009 and 2010 budgets.
10. **Plot a course of action** for adhering to the DHS Standards to include completion of the Top Screen, Security Vulnerability Assessment and Site Security Plan.