Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards and the Infrastructure Protection (IP) Gateway

Since the release of Executive Order 13650: *Improving Chemical Facility Safety and Security* on August 1, 2013, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Department of Labor, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Justice, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Transportation, as part of an interagency Working Group, established priority actions to address the mandates set by the President. The actions focus on implementing findings based on lessons learned and feedback from industry, State and local governments, and community stakeholders across the Nation and are detailed in the "Report to the President: Actions to Improve Chemical Facility Safety and Security – A Shared Commitment" released on June 6, 2014.

DHS currently shares Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) information with Federal, State, local, territorial, and tribal (SLTT) agencies as well as State and local fusion centers. As part of the report's Action Plan from June 6, 2014, DHS committed to sharing certain CFATS data elements with various stakeholder communities on a geospatial map to help communities identify and prioritize risks and develop a contingency plan to address those risks. The platform on which this CFATS data is shared on a geospatial map is the Infrastructure Protection (IP) Gateway.

What is the IP Gateway?

DHS established the IP Gateway to improve Federal agency information sharing and coordination among Federal and SLTT partners. This centrally-managed repository of data and capabilities allows stakeholders to easily access, search, retrieve, visualize, analyze, and export infrastructure data from multiple sources. The IP Gateway maintains three layers of information protection:

- Protected Critical Infrastructure Information (PCII);
- Chemical-terrorism Vulnerability Information (CVI); and
- For Official Use Only (FOUO).

These protections are role-based (or permissions-based), giving DHS stakeholders confidence that sharing their information with the Federal Government and other stakeholders will not expose sensitive or proprietary data.

What CFATS information is available on the IP Gateway?

Through the IP Gateway, CFATS data is available in a FOUO layer and a CVI layer to authorized Federal, SLTT, and first responders with an established "need-to-know" as determined by Regional Directors in DHS, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Office of Infrastructure Protection, Infrastructure Security Compliance Division (ISCD). FOUO access allows users to view information on a chemical facility (such as name, location, and geospatial information) within their State, county, and surrounding counties, whereas CVI access includes additional information, such as CFATS tiers.

For the PCII layer, only State Administrators can grant access to PCII data on the IP Gateway. This permission-based system allows DHS to share CFATS information while appropriately balancing security risks and ensuring regulators will not have access to existing PCII data.

Who can access CFATS information on the IP Gateway?

Users include Federal partners, SLTT officials, and first responders involved with protecting and emergency response for the Nation's critical infrastructure. Access to the CFATS information on the IP Gateway will be rolled out to stakeholders in stages, starting with a pilot in Regions 1 and 5.[1]

How do I gain access to the IP Gateway?

To request access, contact your ISCD Regional Director by calling the Chemical Security Assessment Tool (CSAT) Help Desk at 1-866-323-2957 or emailing csat@dhs.gov.

For information on the PCII program, please visit http://www.dhs.gov/pcii.

For CVI Training, please visit http://www.dhs.gov/training-chemical-terrorism-vulnerability-information.

Contact Information

For more information about critical infrastructure, visit: http://www.dhs.gov/critical-infrastructure. To contact a Department representative to speak on the CFATS regulatory program, please contact CFATS@hq.dhs.gov.

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[1] Region 1 includes the States of Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Region 5 includes the States of Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.