

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****[Docket No. DHS–2015–0020]****Homeland Security Advisory Council—Task Force Name Change****AGENCY:** The Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, DHS.**ACTION:** Notice of Homeland Security Advisory Council Employee Morale Task Force name change.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Jeh Johnson tasked his Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC) to establish a DHS Employee Morale Task Force on Thursday, October 9, 2014. This notice informs the public of a change in name from DHS Employee Morale Task Force to DHS Employee Task Force. The underlying tasking to the Task Force from Secretary Johnson, as published in the **Federal Register**, [Docket No. DHS–2014–0045], shall remain unchanged.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Erin Walls, Director, Homeland Security Advisory Council at 202–447–3135 or [HSAC@DHS.gov](mailto:HSAC@DHS.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Homeland Security Advisory Council provides organizationally independent, strategic, timely, specific, and actionable advice and recommendations for the consideration of the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security on matters related to homeland security. The Homeland Security Advisory Council is comprised of leaders of local law enforcement, first responders, state and local government, the private sector, and academia.

**Tasking**

The underlying tasking from Secretary Johnson, as published in the **Federal Register**, [Docket No. DHS–2014–0045], shall remain unchanged. As such, the DHS Employee Task Force (formally referred to as the DHS Employee Morale Task Force) should develop findings and recommendations in the following topic areas. The DHS Employee Task Force should address, among other closely related topics, the following questions: (1) What are the core or root causes of continued low morale in the Department of Homeland Security? (2) How can DHS strengthen its leadership cadre, in order to both enhance mission effectiveness and also increase employee morale? (3) How can DHS work as a whole, across the agency components, to recognize their distinct cultures and build a greater sense of belonging and improve employee

morale? (4) Referencing the 2007 HSAC DHS Morale Assessment: which of those recommendations were successfully implemented? For those items that were not but still remain relevant, what changes should be made to increase the likelihood of successful implementation and organizational adoption?

**Schedule**

The DHS Employee Task Force's findings and recommendations will be submitted to the Homeland Security Advisory Council for their deliberation and vote during a public meeting. Once the report is approved it will be sent to the Secretary for his review and acceptance.

Dated: April 30, 2015.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****[Docket No. DHS–2015–0005]****RIN 1601–ZA15****Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards; Guidance for the Expedited Approval Program****AGENCY:** National Protection and Programs Directorate, DHS.**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS or Department), National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD), is issuing guidance to comply with the Protecting and Securing Chemical Facilities from Terrorist Attacks Act of 2014 (the Act). The Act amended the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require DHS to issue guidance for an Expedited Approval Program that identifies specific security measures sufficient to meet risk-based performance standards established as part of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) regulations.

**DATES:** The Guidance for the Expedited Approval Program is effective on June 16, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions about this notice, the Expedited Approval Program, or the guidance document for the Expedited Approval Program, call or email David Wulf, Director, DHS/NPPD/IP/ISCD at [CFATS@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:CFATS@hq.dhs.gov) or via phone at 703–235–5263. Questions may also be directed to Director Wulf by mail at 245

Murray Lane SW., Mail Stop 0610, Arlington, VA 20528–0610. Questions that include trade secrets, confidential commercial or financial information, Chemical-terrorism Vulnerability Information (CVI),<sup>1</sup> Sensitive Security Information (SSI),<sup>2</sup> or Protected Critical Infrastructure Information (PCII)<sup>3</sup> should be properly safeguarded.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Viewing Material. The Expedited Approval Program guidance may be found as part of docket DHS–2015–0005 by going to <http://www.regulations.gov>, inserting DHS–2015–0005 in the “Keyword” box, and then clicking “Search.” The Expedited Approval Program guidance may also be found on [www.dhs.gov/chemicalsecurity](http://www.dhs.gov/chemicalsecurity).

**Authority and Background**

On December 18, 2014, the President signed into law the Protecting and Securing Chemical Facilities from Terrorist Attacks Act of 2014 (the Act) (Pub. L. 113–254). The Act amended the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107–296) to re-codify and reauthorize the CFATS program and add new provisions to the program while preserving most of the existing CFATS regulations.<sup>4</sup> DHS is issuing guidance to comply with section 2102(c)(4)(B) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, which specifically requires the Secretary to issue guidance for an Expedited Approval Program that identifies specific security measures that are sufficient to meet the risk based performance standards established as part of CFATS. Section 2102(c)(4)(B)(i) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 requires the Secretary to issue this guidance within 180 days of the date of enactment of the Act (June 16, 2015).

**Overview of the Guidance for the CFATS Expedited Approval Program**

Section 2102 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, among other actions, modifies CFATS by adding a new process by which a high-risk chemical facility, currently assigned to

<sup>1</sup> For more information about CVI see 6 CFR 27.400 and the CVI Procedural Manual at [http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/chemsec\\_cvi\\_proceduresmanual.pdf](http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/chemsec_cvi_proceduresmanual.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> For more information about SSI see 49 CFR part 1520 and the SSI Program Web page at <http://www.tsa.gov/stakeholders/sensitive-security-information-ssi>.

<sup>3</sup> For more information about PCII see 6 CFR part 29 and the PCII Program Web page at <http://www.dhs.gov/protected-critical-infrastructure-information-pcii-program>.

<sup>4</sup> Section 2 of the Act added a new Title XXI to the Homeland Security Act of 2002. Title XXI contains new sections numbered 2101 through 2109. Citations to the Homeland Security Act of 2002 throughout this document reference those sections of Title XXI.