



National Chemical Security Program Vital to Combating Terrorism

To help protect the chemical sector and the chemistry needed for the everyday health and well-being of our nation, Congress directed the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to establish the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program.

After delivering solid results for 15 years - Congress failed to act and allowed CFATS to expire. The American Chemistry Council (ACC) conducted a survey of member companies in January of 2024 to understand concerns related to the expiration of CFATS.

Survey Findings

Overwhelming Support

- **96%** of companies support restoring CFATS
- **85%** are concerned not restoring CFATS will hinder chemical security

Valuable and Irreplaceable Tools



Vetting Personnel Through CFATS Is Irreplaceable

- **75%** of companies say the ability to vet personnel against the terrorist screening database (TSDB) was important. And more than half of companies said they do not have an alternative way to adequately vet personnel for potential security threats.

“The **costs of an adequate alternative are prohibitively high** for our business, and the **results are not as reliable** as through CFATS.”

DHS Expertise and Insights Valuable for Developing Security Plans

- **92%** of companies say DHS was helpful to designing/improving security plans. And nearly half of the companies said they do not have an alternative way to obtain the same level of assistance for developing security plans that they receive from DHS through working together under CFATS.



“It is possible to contract with external security firms, but these inspections **do not carry the same weight with insurance companies and are often limited** to certain locations of the U.S.”

Mounting Concerns

A growing number of stakeholders have expressed concerns to companies regarding potential security risks due to the loss of CFATS.

Emergency Responders

Local Officials

State Officials