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NISP Notification: Notice to Industry

The Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) will begin processing background investigations and facility clearances for National Industrial Security Program (NISP) entities supporting excepted activities as detailed in Department of War (DoW) guidance.

Personnel Security Clearances: DCSA recognizes contractors performing under a contract (or contract option) that was awarded prior to the expiration of appropriations on October 1, 2025 *may continue to provide contract services*, whether in support of excepted activities or not, [during a period of a lapse of appropriations] up to the limit of the funds obligated on the contract prior to the lapse in appropriations.

For personnel security clearances (PCLs) submitted on/after noon EST on November 3, 2025, a Government Contracting Activity (GCA) must verify to DCSA that PCLs for specific contractor personnel are necessary to support one or more excepted activities. The GCA verification must be made by an authorized official and list the individuals by name and social security number. Verifications should be sent via encrypted email to DCSA at dcsa.ncr.dcsa-dvd.mbx.askvroc@mail.mil.

For pending background investigations for NISP personnel submitted between October 1 and October 31, 2025, we will begin processing all investigations in the queue.

Facility Clearances: Due to the current lapse in appropriations, DCSA has limited ability to process Facility Clearances (FCLs). As outlined in the DoW guidance, activities such as issuing FCLs are deferred until appropriations are restored, unless the contract is supporting "excepted" activities. Therefore, notices to DCSA that a facility clearance should be adjudicated because the contractor is supporting excepted activities must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

To request an exception, GCAs must submit a formal request via email to matthew.t.kitzman.civ@mail.mil.

The request must be submitted on official letterhead, signed by a senior official, and include a detailed description of the requirement, the compelling need, and its alignment with departmental priorities. DCSA will review the request to ensure it meets the criteria for excepted activities under established protocols. DCSA will then process the FCL request along with associated PCLs for essential Key Management Personnel (KMPs).