

# Lessons Learned from the CFATS Trenches

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# Agenda



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- Trenches #1- #5 Common COI
- Summary of Risk-Based Performance Standards (RBPS)
- Focus Issue: RPBS 12 Personnel Surety
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## **CFATS Overview**



- Affects any commercial or industrial facility who uses or processes a Chemical of Interest (COI) at or above a certain quantity and concentration
- Addresses chemical security risk by the initial notification (Top Screen) to determine "high risk" by Security Threat:
  - Release (toxic, flammable or explosive)
  - Sabotage
  - Theft/Diversion
- Facilities determined by DHS to be high-risk are required to develop and implement security plans that meet applicable risk-based performance standards (RBPS)
- Reauthorized by Congress Jan 18, 2019 thru April 2020





#### Industries with Facilities Regulated by CFATS

#### CFATS regulates facilities in various industries, including:

- Academia (College & Universities)
- Aerial Sprayers (Non-Fertilizer)
- Breweries
- Cold Chain/Refrigeration
- Crime Labs (State, City, County, Private, etc.)
- Energy Utilities
- Fisheries and Hatcheries
- Food Processors and Co-Ops
- Healthcare (Hospitals & Providers)
- Industrial Equipment Manufacturing
- Laboratories

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- Metal Service and Metal Merchants
- Mining
- Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing
- Paints/Coatings
- Parks and Pools
- Petrochemical Manufacturing
- Petroleum Refining/Oil Drilling
- Plastics
- Pulp and Paper
- Race Tracks
- Retail Storage and Distribution
- Semiconductors
- Water Filtration
- Wineries

## Trench #1 - Ammonia



#### **Target Industries:**

- Food & Beverage
- Commercial Refrigeration Storage
- Animal Processing/Packing Plants
- Chilled Water Services
- Metal Treating
- Ag Industry (fertilizer, livestock feed, crops)
- Pools and Water Parks

#### **CFATS Key Info:**

Anhydrous: Conc. 1.0%, STQ -10,000 lbs

Ammonia ≥20%: STQ - 20,000 lbs

Security Issue: Release Toxic

#### Common Issues & Problems:

- Includes "closed loop" piping and systems, storage tanks, mixing tanks, mixtures
- Applies to Ag facilities using for refrigeration, or as a retailer, distributor or warehouse
- Could affect public access for tours of your site
- Heavily regulated for PSM & RMP by EPA & OSHA (New GDC Enforcement)
- FYI this can impact your labor agreement, use of contractors and suppliers

# Trench #2 – Hydrogen Peroxide



#### **Target Industries:**

- Food & Beverage (CIP)
- Water Parks & Pools
- Animal Processing/Packing Plants
- Cosmetics/Haircare
- Fisheries & Hatcheries
- Contract Packaging & Toll Manufacturing of Consumer Products
- Manufacturing of "Environmentally Friendly" Cleaning Products



#### Common Issues & Problems:

- Many Clean-in-Place (CIP) mixtures contain ≥35%
- Used for sanitizing & disinfecting process equipment
- Size of containers bigger is better
- Dilute higher concentration mixtures ASAP for blending operations or cleaning

#### **CFATS Key Info:**

Min. Conc.: 35%

STQ: 400 lbs

Security Issue: Theft (EXP/IEDP)

## Trench #3 - Propellants & Propane



#### **Target Industries:**

- Food & Beverage
- Cosmetics and other personal care facilities
- Contract Packaging & TollManufacturing of Consumer Products
- General Consumer Products



#### **CFATS Key Info:**

Pentane, Isobutane: 1% conc.

STQ: 10,000 lbs

Security Issue: Release - Flammable

#### Common Issues & Problems:

- Aerosol-can filling using releaseflammable COI mixtures such as butane, pentane, isobutane, DME, propylene & mixtures
- Propane: Count at conc. ≥ 87.5% & STQ = 60,000 lbs
- Mixtures Apply entire amount of release flammable COI ≥ 1% in mixtures to STQ (other than propane) with NFPA = 4



## Trench #4 -Chlorine



#### **Target Industries:**

- Food & Beverage
- Animal Processing/Meat Packing Plants/Meat Processing
- Municipal Water Supply
- Textiles
- Mining metal separation
- Pharmaceuticals
- Pulp and Paper (Also consider COI Chlorine Dioxide)



#### Common Issues & Problems:

- Chlorine used in many sanitizing and cleaning products, as well as power plants to disinfect cooling water drawn from surface water sources
- Size of containers (dual security threat)
- Can reduce max. onsite to avoid RMP/PSM, but secure for CFATS theft (bolt/lock)

#### **CFATS Key Info:**

Min. Conc: 1% and 9.77%

STQ: 1% - 2500 lbs <u>and</u> 9.77% - 500 lbs Security Issue: Release Toxic/Theft (WME)

## Trench #5 - Titanium Tetrachloride



#### **Target Industries:**

- Paint & Coatings
- Military & Hollywood (Smoke Screen Products)
- Surface coating operations
- Intermediate for making Titanium metal and Titanium Dioxide (common pigment)
- Glass Manufacture



#### Common Issues & Problems:

- Used in metal coatings for heat resistance.
- "Tickle" is skywriting ink!
- Container Size is important
- Readily reacts with water and water vapor to "fume" – be aware it could be used in itself for other nefarious purposes

#### **CFATS Key Info:**

Conc. 1%, 13.33%, ACG STQ: 2,500 lbs/45 lbs/APA

Security Issue: Release Toxic/Theft (WME)/Sabotage

## Risk-Based Performance Standards



**RBPS-8 Cyber** 



**RBPS-10 Monitoring** 





**RBPS-18 Records** 



RBPS-1 Restrict Area Perimeter



1) Restrict Area Perimeter

- 2) Secure Site Assets
- 3) Screen and Control Access
- 4) Deter, Detect, Delay
- 5) Shipping, Receipt, and Storage
- 6) Theft and Diversion
- 7) Sabotage
- 8) Cyber
- 9) Response
- **10)** Monitoring

- 11) Training
- 12) Personnel Surety
- **13)** Elevated Threats
- **14)** Specific Threats.

Vulnerabilities, or Risks

- **15)** Reporting of Significant **Security Incidents**
- **16)** Significant Security Incidents and Suspicious Activities
- **17)** Officials and Organization
- 18) Records
- Rather than define specific security measures, DHS developed 18 Risk-Based Performance Standards (RBPS)
- Compliance with the RBPS will be tailored to fit each facility's circumstances, including tier level, security issues, and physical and operating environments

## **Personnel Surety – RBPS 12**



# Personnel Surety Background Checks

**Verify and Validate Identity** 

**Check Criminal History** 

Validate Legal Authorization to Work in the U.S.

**Identify People with Terrorist Ties** 

- Personnel Surety includes vetting individuals with access to COI and other sensitive parts of high-risk chemical facilities
  - Risk-Based Performance Standard (RBPS)12 requires certain types of background checks, including recurrent vetting against the Terrorist Screening Data-Base (TSDB)

DHS began implementation of the CFATS Personnel Surety Program in December 2015. Tier 1 and Tier 2 facilities have four ways to implement terrorist screening provisions:

Verifying credentials through DHS's online tool

Direct vetting through DHS's online tool

Using an electronic credential reader, like a TWIC reader

Visual verification of a credential

More than 7,000 names are currently being vetted through the TSDB

# **CFATS** Reporting (Helpful Hints)



# CSAT 2.0 (Online Reporting System) streamlined, much easier and more efficient to use

Top Screen: Tiering and risk is based on this initial notification

- Accuracy of Location Rural vs Urban
- COI and all container types used for COI storage
- Resubmit if you eliminate or add COI (60 days)

**SVA/SSP:** "Combined" submittal in CSAT 2.0

- Maintain operational flexibility with tank farms of various products
- Declare Asset as small as you can and not the whole facility (if you can)easier to protect

Work with the DHS Inspector(s) – many have strong process knowledge and can help with options and ideas to manager cost and disruption



# **CFATS** Reporting (Helpful Hints)



### Other Specific lessons we learned include:

- Working with facilities to incorporate and/or modify existing procedures to meet some of the security needs
- Incorporating existing site features (terrain, landscape, fences, etc.) to the extent practicable
- Modifying processes to minimize time COI onsite or at or above threshold concentrations
  - Talk to your supplier(s) see if they can deliver COI products direct with no storage onsite
  - Consider reformulation of products containing COI but be careful you don't trigger another regulatory issue (FIFRA)



## **CFATS Enforcement**



CFATS violations are divided into specific categories, including, but not limited to:

- Failure to File Violations
- Security Vulnerability Assessment (SVA)/SSP Deficiencies (generally found during the authorization and approval process)
- SVA/SSP Infractions (generally found during Compliance Inspections), and
- Chemical-terrorism Vulnerability Information (CVI) Violations.
- DHS has issued a Civil Penalty Policy for calculating enforcement violations, similar to EPCRA, CAA and RCRA

Severity of Deficient Measure	Range of Civil Penalty Amounts Per Deficient Measure
Minor	\$1,000 - \$2,000/day
Moderate	\$3,000 - \$6,000/day
Major	\$5,000 - \$10,000/day

Table 1. Applicable fines for severity of a deficiency or infraction



# **Thank You**

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