

CHEMICAL SITE SECURITY

Protection of Critical
Infrastructure
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- EPA designated by Office of Homeland Security as the lead agency for the chemical and water sectors
- Concern for catastrophic release and impact on surrounding population, drinking water supply
- Bioterrorism Bill – Water program
 - Requirements, resources
- Connection with Process Safety, Hazard Reduction
 - vs. Physical Security

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- EPA Principles
 - Conduct VA
 - Address vulnerabilities
 - Look for Hazard Reduction Opportunities
 - Coordinate at Local Level
 - Support Existing Efforts
 - Guidance
 - Accountability

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- Authority for chemical site security unclear; legislation drafted by Administration
- Regulatory authority would go to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- DHS can re-delegate (possibly to EPA)
- Homeland Security Act
 - No provisions

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- Governor Whitman requested site visits in late October
- Voluntary, Non-enforcement, Non-compliance
- Informal discussion
- 35 high priority sites selected for first round of visits

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- To date, 20 visits have been completed and 10 are scheduled
- One facility refused to participate
- Key issue for industry is information protection

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- Interagency Coordination is an issue
- Many sites are regulated by several different Departments/Agencies
- Meeting held by OHS with DOE, USCG, and OSHA to discuss coordination
- Agreement reached to coordinate visits and avoid duplication

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- Some Regions are visiting additional sites
- Information collected will be consolidated and summarized at HQ level
- Report will serve as a foundation for future efforts