

Security Act (i.e., employees who hold a Transportation Workers Identification Credential – TWIC card).

Another House Chemical Security Bill, H.R. 901, was approved on June 22, 2011, and has been sent to the House Homeland Security Committee. It also reauthorizes CFATS until 2018. Unlike H.R. 908, H.R. 901 contains several amendments, including establishing time limits for DHS approval of security vulnerability assessments or site security plans and annual reporting requirements regarding CFATS' effect on job creation or elimination.

The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs voted favorably for a three-year reauthorization of CFATS in S. 473 on June 29, 2011. It is noteworthy that S. 473 does not contain the proposed mandate that would require consideration of use of “inherently safer technology” – i.e., alternative chemicals or processes.

Despite recent committee movement, many in the industry remain concerned that the reauthorization bills will not receive full Congressional attention before the October 4, 2011, expiration and the fall recess. This would likely have the effect of extending the current CFATS program for one year and slide the issue of a lengthier reauthorization to the over-filled congressional back burner.

LINKS

- [Heidi Slinkard Brasher's Bio](#)
- [McAfee & Taft RegLINC - September 2011](#)

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