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Proposed regulation: CFATS Reauthorization - Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2009 (H.R. 6828)

Regulatory Agency: Department of Homeland Security

Potential Impact: Proposed House bill would extend, modify, and re-codify the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS), scheduled to sunset on October 1, 2009 with the following changes: No longer exempt facilities regulated under Safe Drinking Water Act and Maritime Transportation Security Act; protects rights of States to pass their own regulations as long as they do not directly conflict with this legislation; requires employee training and involvement in creating vulnerability assessments and security plans; creates whistleblower protections; protects against illegitimate use of background checks.

GovRel Involvement: Monitoring status of bills

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Next steps and Timeline: Sep 30, 2009: House Committee on Judiciary granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Oct. 23, 2009. CSHEMA will continue to monitor status. Related bills: H.R. 2477; H.R. 261

Proposed CSHEMA position: None

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