

PROTECTED CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION

Requirements for Use

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By reviewing this cover sheet and accepting the attached PCII you are agreeing not to disclose it to other individuals without following the access requirements and to abide by the guidance contained herein. Your acceptance provides immediate access only to the attached PCII.

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Individuals eligible to access the attached PCII must be Federal, State or local government employees or contractors and must meet the following requirements:

- Assigned to homeland security duties related to this critical infrastructure; and
- Demonstrate a valid need-to-know.

The recipient must comply with the requirements stated in the CII Act and the Regulation.

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Storage: When not in your possession, store in a secure environment such as in a locked desk drawer or locked container. **Do not leave this document unattended.**

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Fax: You are encouraged, but not required, to use a secure fax. When sending via non-secure fax, coordinate with the recipient to ensure that the faxed materials will not be left unattended or subjected to unauthorized disclosure on the receiving end.

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- Relates specifically to, or identifies the submitting person or entity (explicitly or implicitly); and
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