

## Industry Protected Distribution System (PDS) transition guidance

In accordance with the Committee on National Security Systems Instruction (CNSSI) 7003, dated September 2015 (available on the DSS website), cleared contractors are required to have compliant PDS by September 30, 2018.

In an effort to transition from old guidance to new, cleared contractors should work with their assigned Information Systems Security Professional (ISSP) to assess their existing PDS configuration against the CNSSI 7003 requirements. Please refer to [CNSSI 7003](#), Protected Distribution Systems (PDS) and [CNSSAM TEMPEST/1-13](#) for installation requirements. A PDS Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M) needs to be created to document when non-compliant PDSs issues will be remediated. The POA&M must be submitted to the NISP Authorization Office (NAO) (formerly ODAA) mailbox at [dss.quantico.dss-hq.mbx.odaa@mail.mil](mailto:dss.quantico.dss-hq.mbx.odaa@mail.mil) by September 30, 2016. Please include your assigned Information Systems Security Professional (ISSP) and Industrial Security Representative (ISR) on the email submission.

The CNSSI 7003 also requires the approval of PDS by the DSS Authorization Official (AO) (formerly the RDAA). Effective immediately, all PDS Installation Plans/PDS Request will be submitted to the NAO Mailbox noted above. Once the plan has been reviewed and validated by the ISSP, the AO will sign and forward an approval letter to the originator. As a note, the Facility PDS Installation Plan is approved separately from the Information System Authorizations (formerly C&A process). Once approved, the PDS Installation Plan/PDS Request and approval letter would then be uploaded into OBMS for each system Unique Identifier (UID) (that uses the PDS), as a supporting artifact to a System Security Plan (SSP).

Previously approved PDSs are authorized to continue in support of Information Systems (IS). However, any PDS that is not currently compliant could affect the expiration dates of ATOs (not to exceed September 30, 2018) for new or revised information systems. Please consult with your ISSP for questions concerning PDS.

Effective immediately, all PDS self-certification authorizations are hereby withdrawn.