

SECURITY REVIEW AND RATINGS

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING	Identified instance of NISPOM non-compliance that does not put classified information at risk of loss or compromise.
APPROACH VECTOR	Method used to connect an adversary to facility personnel, information, networks, or technology in order to execute an operation
CLASSIFIED CONTRACT	Any contract in which the contractor or its employees must have access to classified information during contract performance. A contract may be a classified contract even though the contract document itself is unclassified.
CLASSIFIED CONTRACT DELIVERABLE	Products or services generated in support of a classified contract
CLASSIFIED CONTRACT DELIVERABLE LIFECYCLE	Internal processes a contractor follows when providing a product or service related to a classified contract or program to an end customer
CLASSIFIED CONTRACT PERFORMANCE	Action or process of doing what is required by a classified contract
COMPLEX OPERATIONS	Facilities not assigned to the NAESOC or not eligible for a NAESOC assignment are considered to have complex operations. Key factors: safeguarding, classified information systems, critical technology (classified or unclassified support), home office facility of large complex multiple facility organization, and foci mitigation. Does not include AA&E oversight.
CRITICAL VULNERABILITY	Classified information has already been, or is at imminent risk of being, lost or compromised. Critical vulnerabilities are further characterized as isolated or systemic.
DELIVERABLE	Product or service
GENERAL CONFORMITY	Determination that a facility is in general compliance with the basic terms of the NISPOM and the facility had no critical vulnerabilities, systemic vulnerabilities, or serious security issues identified during the security review. This determination guides us to one of two critical process paths.





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INDICATOR	Criteria used to select a facility for a short-notice or no-notice Security Review
NO-NOTICE SECURITY REVIEW	Security Review prioritized at a facility based on indicators and sufficient justification presented to the Field Office Chief in advance and giving the contractor less than 24 hours' notice
OBSERVATION	Issue or concern not related to NISPOM compliance.
SECURITY REVIEW	Evaluates and rates NISPOM compliance, assesses actions taken to ensure the contractor adequately mitigates vulnerabilities, advises the contractor on how to achieve and maintain an effective security program, and considers the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What the facility is protecting related to a classified contract or program and how the contractor protects the associated elements• Approach vectors applicable to the facility and measures in place to counter the potential threat• Internal processes throughout the classified contract deliverable lifecycle
SERIOUS SECURITY ISSUE	FCL relevant vulnerability that without mitigation would affect a facility's ability to obtain and maintain a FCL. Serious security issues may result in an invalidation or revocation.
SERIOUS VULNERABILITY	Classified information is in danger of loss or compromise. Serious vulnerabilities are further characterized as isolated and systemic.
SHORT-NOTICE SECURITY REVIEW	Security Review prioritized at facilities with indicators and giving the contractor 24-72 hours' notice
SIPOC	Acronym for Suppliers, Inputs, Processes, Outputs, and Customers. The SIPOC methodology is a tool to identify the inputs and outputs of an internal process, determine the process owner, customers, suppliers, and establish clear boundaries for the process.
VULNERABILITY	Identified weakness in a contractor's security program that indicates non-compliance with the NISPOM that could be exploited to gain unauthorized access to classified information or information systems authorized to process classified information