

DoD Virtual Security Conference for Industry - NAESOC Question & Answer Session Follow-Up

1) In National Industrial Security System (NISS), how can you tell if a company is in the NAESOC?

Request a Facility Clearance Verifier (FCV) user role within NISS. This allows you to identify the Field Office assignment. If a company is assigned to the NAESOC, it will be identified with an assigned field office of "NAESOC." Sign up: NISS FCV

2) How can you get yourself assigned to the NAESOC?

The local Field Office nominates companies who meet certain criteria for assignment to the NAESOC. If you are interested in discussing this assignment, please contact your current Industrial Security Representative (ISR). Upon assignment to the NAESOC, your Facility Security Officer (FSO) receives a notification from NISS. In addition, the NAESOC will send a "Welcome Letter" via email to the FSO.

3) <u>Do you have an assigned Industrial Security Representative if you are assigned to the NAESOC?</u>

You will not have an individual Industrial Security Representative (ISR); however, you will have the NAESOC team as your DCSA resource.

4) What is the best way to contact the NAESOC?

That depends upon your requirement. Many companies report that email works best for them: DCSA.NAESOC.GeneralMailbox@mail.mil. Encrypted communication can be sent via NISS message and you can also contact the NAESOC Knowledge Center for support: Phone 888-282-7682 (Option 7)

5) Can a Joint Venture be assigned to the NAESOC?

Yes, the NAESOC provides oversight for all business structures.

6) Does the NAESOC have its own Non-possessor newsletter?

We provide monthly NAESOC-specific updates in the Voice of Industry. We also maintain current and useful information on the <u>NAESOC Website</u>.

7) <u>Does a subcontractor need to update its Field Office address on the DD 254 when it is assigned?</u>

No. However, all new DD Form 254s should reflect NAESOC as the Cognizant Security Office. The address for the NAESOC office:

NAESOC

Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA)

P. O. Box 644

Hanover, MD 21076





8) Where can we find NCCS training?

The NISP Contracts Classification System, <u>NCCS webpage</u>, includes multiple tabs for information, including training.

9) What are the advantages/disadvantages of being assigned?

The NAESOC offers many advantages for an Access Elsewhere facility. It is a centralized office, providing consistent oversight and security management for select facilities who do not possess classified information on-site. It:

- Coordinates: Communications, guidance, and education to facilities and government partners.
- Provides: Continuous outreach, consistent direction.
- Creates: Improved communications, threat reporting, and vulnerability identification and mitigation.

Some may consider it a disadvantage they are no longer assigned to an ISR within a local Field Office. DCSA discovered that formerly, most AE facilities had not received effective risk prioritization because of capacity limits on that relationship. The lack of interaction with government security oversight resulted in an unidentified vulnerability factor. The NAESOC reviews risk in a non-traditional way of doing business...a *tiered response approach*. Being assigned to a risk team ensures that your issues are addressed soonest by the correct expert.