DCSA conducts security reviews of cleared contractors’ security programs to verify the contractor is protecting classified information and implementing the provisions of 32 CFR Part 117: National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPOM). The contractor’s participation in the security review is required for maintaining the entity’s eligibility for access to classified.

All NISP contractors are subject to a security review on a regular and recurring basis as operational resources and mission objectives allow. DCSA prioritizes contractors for a security review based on national level objectives and risk management. DCSA personnel generally provide notice to the contractor of a forthcoming security review, but may also conduct short-notice or unannounced reviews.

**Objectives of the DCSA Security Review**

- Evaluate NISPOM compliance
- Review internal processes throughout a classified contract product or service lifecycle
- Evaluate classified information system security controls and identify gaps in security controls
- Identify vulnerabilities and administrative findings, then monitor and track corrective actions
- Identify potential approach vectors and assess countermeasures
- Provide updates and advice on how to create and maintain an effective security program
- Rate the facility’s security posture and effectiveness in protecting classified information

Visit the DCSA Security Review and Rating website at [https://www.dcsa.mil/mc/ctp/srrp/](https://www.dcsa.mil/mc/ctp/srrp/) to view additional resources related to the security review process.