Industrial Security letters are issued periodically to inform cleared Contractors, User Agencies and DoD Activities of developments relating to industrial security. The contents of these letters are for information and clarification of existing policy and requirements. Suggestions for Industrial Security Letters are appreciated and should be submitted to the local Defense Security Service cognizant industrial security office. Articles and ideas contributed will become the property of DSS. Inquiries concerning specific information in Industrial Security Letters should be addressed to the cognizant DSS industrial security office.

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The National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPOM) paragraph to which this article pertains is indicated in parentheses.

**Agency Agreements (NISPOM 1-103.b.)**

Executive Order 12829 (January 6, 1993, as amended), the “National Industrial Security Program” (NISP), states that the heads of Federal agencies shall enter into agreements with the Secretary of Defense that establish the terms of the Secretary’s NISP responsibilities on behalf of those agency heads. NISPOM paragraph 1-103.b. lists the non-Department of Defense (DoD) agencies that have agreements for industrial security services with DoD.

The list is now amended to include the Social Security Administration (SSA) which entered into an agreement with the Department of Defense on April 28, 2015. This addition makes the SSA the 30th non-DoD agency* for which DoD will provide industrial security services.

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* ISL 2015-02, April 28, 2015, announced that the Department of Defense and the Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President (OA/EOP) entered into an agreement that made OA/EOP the 29th non-DoD agency.