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

Agency Agreements (NISPOM 1-103b.)

Executive Order 12829, “National Industrial Security Program (NISP), January 6, 1993 (as amended), 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 Department of Veterans Affairs, which entered into an agreement with the Department of Defense on May 8, 2019. The addition(s) makes the Department of Veterans Affairs the 33rd non-DoD agency(ies)* for which the Department will provide industrial security services.

*ISL 2017-01, announced that the Department of Defense and the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (PCLOB) entered into an agreement that made PCLOB the 32nd non-DoD agency.