Industrial security letters (ISLs) are issued as necessary to inform cleared contractors for whom the Department of Defense is the Cognizant Security Agency, Government contracting activities, and DoD Components, of developments relating to the National Industrial Security Program. The content of these ISLs is for information and clarification of existing policy and requirements. Suggestions for ISL topics are appreciated and should be submitted to the local Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency industrial security office. Inquiries concerning specific information in ISLs should also be addressed to the local DCSA industrial security office.

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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 § 117.6 (a)(3) refers to the non-Department of Defense (DoD) agencies that have agreements for industrial security services with DoD.

The list is now amended to include the National Credit Union Administration, which entered into an agreement with the DoD on July 12, 2021. The addition(s) makes the National Credit Union Administration the 34th non-DoD agency* for which the Department will provide industrial security services.

*ISL 2019-02, announced that the DoD and the Department of Veterans Affairs entered into an agreement that made the Department of Veterans Affairs the 33rd non-DoD agency.