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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FSO Training (NISPOM 3-102)

NISPOM paragraph 3-102 requires contractors to ensure facility security officers (FSOs) and other contractor personnel performing security duties complete security training considered appropriate by the Cognizant Security Agency (CSA). The guidance in this ISL replaces the guidance previously published by the Defense Security Service (DSS) in Article 4 of ISL 2010-01, which is hereby cancelled.

In an effort to help contractors identify training requirements based on a facility’s involvement with classified information, the DSS Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE) has created curricula that meet the FSO orientation and FSO program management course requirements referenced in the NISPOM paragraph 3-102.

Training to meet the orientation course requirements is in CDSE’s FSO Curriculum for Non-Possessing Facilities. Training to meet the program management course requirements is in CDSE’s FSO Curriculum for Possessing Facilities. Please refer to the CDSE website at http://www.dss.mil/cdse/catalog/curricula/index.html for a description of the courses and examinations comprising the FSO curricula.

Successful completion of any of the previous versions of FSO training provided by CDSE, the DSS Academy, or the Department of Defense Security Institute satisfies the current NISPOM requirement unless advised otherwise by DSS.