SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
MODIFIED INFRASTRUCTURE SURVEY TOOL

1. PURPOSE: This notice mandates use of the Modified Infrastructure Survey Tool (MIST) 2.0 for conducting Facility Security Assessments (FSA) in accordance with the Interagency Security Committee (ISC) Risk Management Process. MIST 2.0 will be used to systematically capture, store, and access information associated with VA owned properties to include delegated leased facilities. Data in MIST 2.0 includes threats, vulnerabilities, occupants, countermeasures, security plans, and other relevant information that support the creation of FSAs to guide risk management decisions for the protection of VA facilities. MIST 2.0 is used to determine countermeasure recommendations necessary to protect those facilities and to document and track the status of countermeasures and countermeasure projects at the facilities. MIST 2.0 permits system-wide analysis of trends on security vulnerabilities and deficiencies, as well as oversight of applied countermeasures VA-wide. This notice sets forth requirements for protecting VA personnel and assets in accordance with, the Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) latest edition "Risk Management Process for Federal Facilities: An Interagency Security Committee Standard."

2. POLICY: This notice mandates the use of MIST 2.0 for conducting FSAs on VA owned and delegated leased properties.

   a. This notice applies to the security and risk assessment operations as part of the FSA Program for VA-protected medical centers, VA facilities across the nation, and VA facilities in United States Territories. This notice addresses the environment where people, property and information, both tangible and virtual, are at risk from an undesirable event resulting in negative consequences (i.e., human casualties, economic loss, mission degradation, stolen virtual information or psychological impact).

   b. This notice applies to all delegated leased facilities. Each lease is required to have an assigned facility security level (FSL) supported by a risk evaluation conducted in accordance with ISC standards. For leases slated for procurement, facilities risk evaluations must be completed before solicitation issuance per the Operations Security and Preparedness (OSP) Construction and Facilities Management (CFM) ISC Policy for Delegated Leases memorandum, dated May 2021 and the DHS’s latest edition of “Appendix A: Design Basis Threat Report, The Risk Management Process for Federal Facilities: An Interagency Security Committee Standard.” Guidance on determining FSLs for the existing lease portfolio is forthcoming through an updated version of VA Handbook 0730 and expands upon the ISC process. All high-security lease space, FSL III, IV, or V must comply with the disclosure requirements of P.L. 116-276, Secure Federal LEASEs Act.
c. Threat Assessment Reports (TAR) will be completed in MIST 2.0 and in accordance with the current version of the “Appendix A: Design Basis Threat Report, The Risk Management Process for Federal Facilities: An Interagency Security Committee Standard” that is in MIST 2.0.


4. REFERENCES:
   g. Memorandum OSP CFM ISC Policy for Delegated Leases, date May 2021 (VIEWS 4329434).

5. RESCISSION: This notice will be rescinded and guidance incorporated into the appropriate directive/handbook no later than one year after the date of publication.
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