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The Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency is partnering with the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security, the National Insider Threat Task Force, and insider threat community stakeholders to support the sixth annual National Insider Threat Awareness Month (NITAM) during September 2024. NITAM emphasizes the importance of safeguarding our nation by detecting, deterring, and mitigating insider threats.

This year's theme — *Deter, Detect, Mitigate* — is designed to educate the workforce on threats posed by trusted insiders, increase employee awareness of vulnerabilities, and emphasize individual responsibilities for recognizing and reporting insider threat indicators.

Proactive reporting can help prevent insider threat incidents and minimize or eliminate potential impacts. Insider threat adverse impacts may cause financial instability, resource degradation, reduced military strength and mission readiness, harm to national security, potential injury to personnel, and even loss of life. Reporting concerning behaviors and risk indicators as soon as possible enables us to be proactive and achieve positive outcomes—both for individuals and our agency.

We are the first line of defense. We must be vigilant, situationally aware, and attuned to behaviors that require reporting.

Throughout September, organizations across the Department will participate in NITAM activities to reinforce the importance of detecting, deterring, and mitigating insider threats. Insider threat resources, training products, and events are posted on the NITAM 2024 website at <https://securityawareness.usalearning.gov/cdse/nitam/index.html>.

One of the events I'd like to highlight is DCSA's NITAM Conference, which will be held September 9-10 in Arlington, Virginia. Virtual participation is still open, and I encourage you to take advantage of this valuable opportunity to enhance your insider threat knowledge. You can register to attend virtually at <https://dcsa.acms.com/nitamconference2024/event/registration.html>.

Regardless of how you choose to participate in NITAM 2024, please know that your actions and contributions support our collective effort to identify and mitigate insider threats to our national security. Thank you for your dedication and continued hard work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dm Cattler", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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