



From the Chemical Sector Chief:

On March 4th from 8AM to 12PM we will be holding our first Chemical Sector meeting at the LECC in San Diego. I have often been asked by various people "Is there a chance my company should be active in the chemical sector?" To best answer such a question I usually respond by asking one of the following:

- Does your company buy, store, manufacture or sell any chemicals?
- Does your company use chemicals in any large quantity?
- Have you looked at the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) – Chemical Facilities Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) web-site or the available Appendix A?

I usually get a yes in at least one choice. However, still there are people out there that do not think our sector can offer them much. That is, until they look closer. To better help answer their inquiry we will have a presentation by representatives from DHS-CFATS which might prove very helpful. Even those who may not necessarily fall under the CFATS guidelines will still benefit from knowing what chemicals are precursors.

I as the Sector Chief will be delivering a short informational presentation which can benefit first responders (Law Enforcement, Fire, Military etc.). The presentation will include what to look for and how to recognize precursor materials observed during a traffic stop or when responding to a situation. Our meeting will give you a chance to meet some of our San Diego Member Alliance board members and a chance to meet and interact with fellow persons concerned about chemicals and their security. Please feel free to sign-up for the class on our web-site. Seating is limited so sign-up as soon as possible.