



Notice: Office of SAFETY Act Implementation Operations

The information below is current as of June 2, 2020 and is subject to change. Continue monitoring the SAFETY Act website for future updates. Please note that this announcement contains several items.

COVID-19 Processing Impacts:

The Department of Homeland Security, Science and Technology Directorate, is adhering to CDC guidelines for social distancing and placing a hold on all travel until September 2020. After September, travel will be assessed and may be allowed for limited purposes, through at least December 31, 2020. These travel restrictions will impact application processing for certain types of technologies and OSAI's ability to conduct in-person meetings.

- **Application Submissions:** Current and future restrictions on travel due to the ongoing COVID 19 emergency will impact application processing for certain types of technologies and our ability to process them through the end of 2020.
 - OSAI will be unable to evaluate **new** applications for commercial facilities, stadiums, airports, or other critical infrastructure sites (collectively "venues") that require a site visit as part of the evaluation process.
 - Applicant's may still submit Pre-Applications for technologies requiring site visits, but OSAI will need to complete a site visit to evaluate an application for Designation, Certification, or DT&E Designation for these venues.
 - If you plan to file a **renewal** related to a venue, please contact us in advance for specific guidance after July 4, 2020.
 - If you have an application for venue security where OSAI has **already conducted a site visit within the last 12 months**, you may file your application as normal
- **In-Person Meetings:** Finally, in order to maintain social distancing, OSAI will not be conducting in person meetings for the time being. Through September 2020, OSAI will be conducting all meetings virtually via teleconference or collaboration software. However, due to the large volume of requests for consultations, there may be a delay in scheduling.

We apologize for the inconvenience and will do our best to navigate the challenges ahead. Thank you for your patience and commitment to homeland security. **We will be updating this guidance periodically.**