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Drug Control: Certain DOD and DHS Joint Task Forces Should Enhance Their Performance Measures to Better Assess Counterdrug Activities

https://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-19-441  
GAO-19-441: Jul 9, 2019

Many federal agencies are involved in efforts to reduce the availability of illicit drugs by countering the flow of such drugs into the United States. Among them are the Department of Defense (DOD), which has lead responsibility for detecting and monitoring illicit drug trafficking into the country, and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), which is responsible for securing U.S. borders to p...

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Coast Guard: Stakeholders' Views on Issues and Options for Managing the Great Lakes Pilotage Program

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GAO-19-493: Jun 26, 2019

The Coast Guard manages the Great Lakes Pilotage Program to implement federal requirements that any oceangoing or foreign commercial vessel entering the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway use a registered marine pilot to safely navigate the vessel through the system. The Coast Guard employs several mechanisms for communicating with stakeholders and obtaining their input on the program. These include...

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U.S. Secret Service: Further Actions Needed to Fully Address Protective Mission Panel Recommendations

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GAO-19-415: May 22, 2019

The U.S. Secret Service (Secret Service) has made progress implementing the 19 recommendations related to training and personnel; technology, perimeter security, and operations; and leadership made by the U.S. Secret Service Protective Mission Panel (Panel). The Secret Service fully implemented 11 of the recommendations. For example, the agency increased the number of agents and officers in the d...

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Critical Infrastructure Protection: Progress and Challenges in DHS's Management of Its Chemical Facility Security Program

<https://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-19-402>

GAO-19-402T: Feb 27, 2019

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has made progress addressing challenges that GAO's past work identified to managing the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program. The following summarizes progress made and challenges remaining in key aspects of the program. Identifying high-risk chemical facilities. In July 2015, GAO reported that DHS used self-reported and unverified d...

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### Coast Guard Shore Infrastructure: Applying Leading Practices Could Help Better Manage Project Backlogs of at Least \$2.6 Billion

<https://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-19-82>

GAO-19-82: Feb 21, 2019

About 45 percent of the Coast Guard's shore infrastructure is beyond its service life, and its current backlogs of maintenance and recapitalization projects, as of 2018, will cost at least \$2.6 billion to address, according to Coast Guard information. The deferred maintenance backlog included more than 5,600 projects, with an estimated cost of \$900 million. The recapitalization and new constructi...

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