

Speaker & Professional title:

David Martak, Acting Chief of Chemical Security

Speaker Biography:

David Martak is the Acting Chief of Chemical Security for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Region 7 is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, and serves the states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska. CISA is the Nation's risk advisor, working with partners to defend against today's digital and physical threats and collaborate to build more secure and resilient infrastructure for the future.

In this role, Mr. Martak supports the Chemical Facilities Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) Program which identifies and regulates high-risk facilities to ensure they have security measures in place to reduce the risk that certain hazardous chemicals are weaponized by terrorists across the mid-America region. He leads a team of Chemical Security Inspectors responsible for the region's implementation of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program. Additionally, Mr. Martak is responsible for implementation of ChemLock, a completely voluntary security program that provides facilities that possess dangerous chemicals no-cost services and tools to help them better understand the risks they face and improve their chemical security posture in a way that works for their business model.

Before to joining CISA (previously the National Protection & Programs Directorate) in 2010, Mr. Martak served 5 years with the TSA as a Regulatory Aviation Security Inspector (ASI) in Memphis, TN. As an ASI, he conducted over 750 inspections of airports, airlines, and air cargo operations.