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MEMORANDUM FOR: SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Personnel Security Clearances in Industry

It has come to my attention that Department of Defense (DoD) Components are denying contractor employees access to defense facilities and classified information because the contractor employees have a personnel security clearance based on an out-of-scope investigation. Recent delays in processing background investigations have resulted in many periodic reinvestigations (PRs) being overdue.

Personnel security clearances (PCLs) do not expire. Contractor employees are eligible for access to classified information if current eligibility is indicated in the Joint Personnel Adjudication System (JPAS) or replacement system of record. An individual with current eligibility in JPAS should not be denied access based on an out-of-scope investigation, unless DoD is aware of relevant derogatory information related to an individual's continued eligibility for access. However, when the system of record flags an individual as having current adverse information, and eligibility is still valid, access may continue.

Please ensure that this memorandum receives widest dissemination. The point of contact is Mr. Justin Walsh at (703) 692-3597 or [justin.a.walsh.civ6@mail.mil](mailto:justin.a.walsh.civ6@mail.mil).

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