

PROTECTED CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION

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If not a PCII Authorized User, you are required to complete the training within 30 days of receipt of this information.

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- Assigned to homeland security duties related to this critical infrastructure;
- Demonstrate a valid need-to-know; and
- Sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (except Federal employees).

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