

EPA, Homeland Security look at anti-terror water bills

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WASHINGTON, DC — The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the US Department of Homeland Security discussed two bills at a House hearing on June 12 that would heighten the effectiveness of the Chemical Security Anti-Terrorism Act of 2006, according to an [article](#) on www.infozine.com.

The first bill, the Chemical Facilities Act of 2008, would extend the Chemical Security Anti-Terrorism Act of 2006 beyond its upcoming 2009 expiration, and will allow states to create standards more stringent than federal standards.

The second bill discussed was the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2008, which would extend the 2006 bill to include water and sewer plants, begin requiring periodic safety drills and outside inspections, and call for facilities to store fewer chemicals.

There is currently no bioterrorism act that applies to water plants, according to the article.