Transportation Security Administration

RMAST

Risk Mitigation Activities for Surface Transportation

MITIGATING RISK THROUGH STRONG PARTNERSHIPS

TSA's **Risk Mitigation Activities for Surface Transportation (RMAST)** program is a no-cost, voluntary program that is designed to assist surface transportation stakeholders in mitigating risks identified through participation in other TSA programs, such as BASE. A risk-based and intelligence-driven product, RMAST provides tools to respond to current threats and vulnerabilities.

- The RMAST program was developed in support of a national strategy to mitigate the risk associated with surface transportation. This initiative includes three distinct operation categories: Stakeholder Engagement, Public Observation, and Site Security Observation.

Eligible Candidates



- Mass Transit & Passenger Rail Carriers
- Freight Rail Carriers
- Pupil Transportation
- Trucking
- Motor Coach
- Maritime
- Pipeline
- Hazmat Shippers & Receivers
- Critical Infrastructure

Application

Assess | Identify | Mitigate | Evaluate

1. TSA inspectors **assess** stakeholder's security posture through TSA BASE, EXIS, and/or SETA programs
2. TSA inspectors work with stakeholder to **identify** vulnerabilities discovered during assessment
3. TSA inspectors conduct risk **mitigation** activities through Public Observation, Site Security Observation, and Stakeholder Engagement
4. TSA inspectors **evaluate** progress

Risk Mitigation Categories

Stakeholder Engagement

Stakeholder engagement activities involve TSA Inspectors using security programs and resources to help mitigate identified security weaknesses. This includes training outreaches and familiarization briefings.

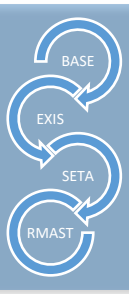
Public Observation

Public observation activities are conducted to identify suspicious activities, security vulnerabilities, and/or suspicious behaviors that could be indicative of pre-operational planning related to terrorism.

Site Security Observation

Site security observations are conducted to determine if the physical security measures and operational deterrence components are in place to effectively mitigate risk.

Security Improvement Program



RMAST is part of a security improvement program, a concept in which all TSA's voluntary surface transportation programs—the Baseline Assessment for Security Enhancement (BASE), Risk Mitigation Activity for Surface Transportation (RMAST), Security Enhancement Through Assessment (SETA), and Exercise Information System (EXIS)—work in tandem, building off one another with a singular goal: raising the National security baseline.

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