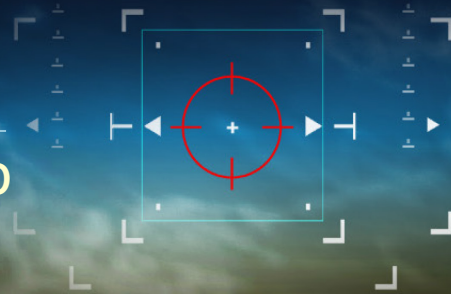




FACT SHEET

C-UAS POLICY IN THE U.S. HOMELAND



BACKGROUND

Dec. 8, 2025, the Secretary of War signed the Policy Memorandum, "Updated Guidance for Countering Unmanned Aircraft Systems in the Homeland." This memorandum consolidates approximately ten separate outdated memoranda that were inadequate to address the current, complex unmanned aircraft system (UAS) threat environment. The new guidance affects a culture shift by empowering commanders to unambiguously apply their authority to mitigate threat UAS. Our message is clear, Department of War (DoW) airspace is off limits, and our commanders on the ground have the discretion to defend our airspace against all manner of UAS threats.

NEW COUNTER-UAS POLICY & AUTHORITIES

The three key pillars of our policy are designed for speed and effectiveness:

- ▶ Expanding the Defensive Perimeter
 - Grants commanders the authority to extend defensive actions beyond the physical "fence line" of an installation.
 - Allows for the adequate protection of covered facilities, fixed assets, and mobile assets.
 - Placing trust in the commander and maximizing their flexibility to defend facilities and assets, the Department intentionally did not provide overly prescriptive engagement criteria.
 - Ensures all mitigation systems are available for consideration.
 - Formally expands the delegation of authority for determining asset coverability to a broader range of stakeholders and locations.
- ▶ Updated Criteria and Guidance
 - Updated and clarified criteria for what constitutes a "threat", including unauthorized surveillance.



FACT SHEET

C-UAS POLICY IN THE U.S. HOMELAND

- Removed redundant policy “zones” and prescribed only Zones 1 and 2, to simplify engagement within and outside of the installation.
- Clarifies “totality of circumstances” to streamline command decisions.
- Provide commanders with more decision-making space and operational flexibility when responding to threat UAS activity.

► Enhanced Information Sharing

- Clarifies and reinforces the ability to share data across all agencies across the federal government.
- Enhanced data sharing is supported by recent legislation and will improve the U.S. Government collective response to UAS threats.

Commanders have 60 days to issue installation-specific operating procedures in accordance with the new policy.

We cannot wait for an incident. This policy empowers Commanders with the clear authority to build readiness now. This requires assessing your vulnerabilities, conducting rigorous drills, and developing a robust, unpredictable defensive posture. These actions are essential to maintaining our status as the world’s most lethal fighting force.

