

A fire occurred early Tuesday morning, March 20 in a portion of the Columbia Plaza building complex that includes the Office of Defense Trade Controls Compliance (DTCC). The fire occurred before normal duty hours and there were no reports of injury. The fire did not impact DTCC, but the office experienced fairly significant water damage. Other offices within the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls were not impacted.

As a result, DTCC was closed Tuesday and remains closed while damage assessment teams survey conditions. Temporary space is being prepared for Compliance staff within other offices of the Directorate. This effort will take 2-3 days to complete.

We anticipate that DTCC will return to a relatively normal level of operation within a week. There will be some delay that industry will experience in contacting members of Compliance staff and in the issuance of new and renewing registrations. We do not expect those delays to last more than 5 business days and request your patience during this period of transition and reconstruction.