

## 42.1105 Assignment of criticality designator.

*Contracting officers shall assign a criticality designator to each contract in the space for designating the contract administration office, as follows:*

<b>Criticality Designator</b>	<b>Criterion</b>
A	Critical contracts, including DX-rated contracts (see <a href="#">subpart 11.6</a> ), contracts citing the authority in <a href="#">6.302-2</a> (unusual and compelling urgency), and contracts for <i>major systems</i> .
B	Contracts (other than those designated "A") for items needed to maintain a Government or contractor production or repair line, to preclude out-of-stock conditions or to meet user needs for nonstock items.
C	All contracts other than those designated "A" or "B."

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 42.11 - Production Surveillance and Reporting](#)