

NATIONAL GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION – COVID-19 CALL

DATE: Friday, March 20, 2020
TIME: Comms Check: 1:55 pm; 2:00-2:30 pm (15 min speaking time, 15 min Q&A)
LOCATION: Zoom App: <https://zoom.us/j/373700494> (b)(6)

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- Purpose is to give a quick overview on the current state of affairs related to COVID-19 and how CISA will be addressing the unique challenges facing critical infrastructure and advocating coordination.
- You will be speaking to governors' staff, Homeland Security Advisors, emergency management officials, senior state policy advisors in energy, transportation, water and other critical sectors.
- NGA also distributed the invite to NEMA, NASCIO NASS, and other SLTT associations.
- This event is closed to media.
- **There is no speaker line and the operator will have to activate your line; provide the number you will be calling from to Tom Filippone.**

DRAFT AGENDA:

1. Welcome (Jeff McLeod, Director, Homeland Security and Public Safety)
2. CISA Infrastructure COVID-19 Update (Director Krebs)
3. Q&A
4. DOE/CESER Briefing (TBD)
5. Q&A

TALKING POINTS:

CISA Recent Actions—

- 3/19 Release of the **CISA Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidance**.
 - Today we took the first step of several to look at the question of access and re-entry of critical infrastructure workers – by sector, services, and functions – given the presence of curfews, quarantines, shelter-in-place orders, and edicts reducing non-essential business operations and citizen movement.
 - The target audience is state and local officials with emphasis on authorities implementing or contemplating restrictions on business and the public.

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- The guidance is just that – guidance – and not a law or regulation that compels health authorities and state/local officials to grant access and re-entry of essential works but to consider this class of worker when developing restrictions, exemptions, and exceptions.
- The guidance went out in two parts:
 - A memorandum signed by me covering why we need this and what it is – the pressing need to ensure continuity of operations and economy finds a balance against the mandates and needs of public health and safety
 - A list of tier-1 essential critical infrastructure workers – again listed by sector, services, and functions – and admittedly a first cut at that
- Again, this is a first step, and we expect it's likely to have to define tier-2 and possibly tier-3 workers and work roles – especially as jurisdictions look to prolonged restrictions
- Our roll-out yesterday (3/19 at ~3PM ET) pushed this information to our website (cisa.gov) but also over 20 state and local government associations – the group who hopefully will consider this guidance as they issue or adjust instructions to the public.
 - In addition, we amplified through a number of private sector associations and of course pushed to a broad distribution to each sector coordinating councils, associated government coordinating councils, the regional consortium coordinating council, the SLTT-GCC, and the national council of ISACs.
- Ultimately, governors and other state and local officials should feel appropriately empowered to use discretion and promulgate sensible guidance that ensures the resilience of critical infrastructure.
- With the guidance memo and “list” we have published a best-draft of Frequently Asked Questions, and consider all of this a moving picture of best efforts ... and just round #1 of will be an evolving dialog with state and local officials, industry, and you.
- We are pushing folks to CISA.CAT@cisa.dhs.gov for improvements, additional inclusions, and clarifications.

[Additional Detail on Memo and Guidance]

- The list of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers provides guidance to state and local jurisdictions and the private sector in considering how to manage and continue access and re-entry for essential workers during periods when access restrictions are in-effect by public health authorities and other executive branch authorities related to quarantines, social-distancing, isolation, and/or shelter-in-place.
- To ensure the greater critical infrastructure community of owners and operators can continue to serve all stakeholders (e.g., customers, partners, etc.) of critical life-line and industry sectors, essential employees in the American workforce will need freedom of movement and access to business, industrial, commercial, and customer locations to conduct their duties.

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- The intent of this guidance is to enable continued resilience for public community health and safety of government, economy, and society despite interruptions of normal operations.
- CISA urges all levels of government who may be considering access restrictions, shelter-in-place, quarantine, and non-essential-business-closure orders to consider reasonable accommodations for essential workers supporting critical infrastructure functions.
- We are releasing this guidance far and wide and it is up on our website at cisa.gov/coronavirus.
- We are pushing folks to CISA.CAT@cisa.dhs.gov for improvements, additional inclusions, and clarifications.

[Other CISA Lines of Effort and Priorities]

- We continue to work on our four primary lines of effort (LOEs):
 - Physical Security of Business Operations, looking at stop-gapping where pandemic plans have not accounted for issues only uncovered in practice, and for what's working, too
 - Cybersecurity elements of COVID-19, focusing on the tele-nation now mobilized and the advantage that adversaries might make of the situation
 - We continue to provide current activity reports, with a focus on telework hygiene, VPN and remote technology best practices and issues, and any upticks in cybercrime and fraud
 - We also continue to look at and amplify the industry-helping-industry and end-user best practices and resources, pushing out information from CISA.gov on those fronts
 - Dis- and misinformation campaigns that exploit and erode public trust
 - Supply chain and effects to national critical functions – starting with our week-over-week infrastructure outlooks and now ‘dashboards’ but also the essential workforce issue I mentioned up front.
- We will also start having a weekly CIPAC Cross Sector leadership call with sector partners, starting today at 11 AM ET, with an initial emphasis on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidance and other cross-sector challenges.
- And finally starting Monday, March 23, we will begin sharing with partners daily the National Critical Function COVID-19 dashboard.

Prepared by: (b)(6)

Briefing Memo

Water Sector Joint SCC/GCC Meeting

3/26/2020 2:00 PM & Prepared By: (b)(6)

LOGISTICS:

- Location: Conference Call (b)(6)
- Pertinent logistics: Please call into the Sector Meeting at 2pm and give a 15-30 min update to the sector on CISA and a question and answer session for another 15 min.

OBJECTIVES/OUTCOME OF MEETING:

- To communicate to the sector CISAs commitment to the partnership since it has been over 2 years that Senior CISA leadership has attended a water sector joint meeting
- Look forward to identifying and prioritizing current and future efforts to collaborate with the sector on risk specifically with the National Critical Functions process.
- Thank the private sector and the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) for their efforts on COVID-19 efforts especially the guidance document
- To continue to work with the NRMC on National Critical Functions

AGENDA:

Introductions

- **Director Krebs Update**
- **CISA Essential Worker Guidance**
 - *Access Issues:* How is this being used to communicate with state/local health & law enforcement
 - *Documentation:* Is there any common language a utility can use? That would include entities servicing the utility such as:
 - Chemical delivery
 - Biosolids handling
- **EPA Actions**
 - Guidance to states on waivers for compliance
 - Compliance deadlines, including AWIA
 - SDWA §1441(c) or 42 U.S. Code § 300j. Assurances of availability of adequate supplies of chemicals necessary for treatment of water.

Close

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KEY ISSUES:

The Water Sector Coordinating Council is fighting to get a dedicated Emergency Support Function (ESF)

- a. The *National Response Framework* (NRF) is a guide that defines the structure and processes, including core responsibilities and emergency support functions (ESFs), by which the nation responds to incidents. While it is currently being revised, the National Security Council drafted a letter encouraging EPA to collaborate with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to create an emergency support function federal leadership working group. This working group met with the sector in December 2019 to define corrective actions, develop shared understanding of the incident response issues, and develop procedural and structural resolutions with regard to water sector issues. SCC members requested to participate in the working group. EPA and FEMA reported to the sector that they plan to develop a shared understanding on federal response to water issues through memos, training exercises, and exercises using ESF-3. ESF-3 addresses incidents affecting the Water Sector but other ESFs may also apply. EPA is the lead agency for ESF-3 and ESF-10. Council members emphasized the importance of water and sanitization efforts during incident response and recommended consolidating the water mission into a singular ESF. If the singular Water Sector ESF were to exist in the Federal arena, then State and Local would mirror it in State Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs).

HISTORY/KEY BACKGROUND:

- The Water Sector GCC/SCC convenes biannually under CIPAC and Dir Kolasky provided opening remarks at the last joint CIPAC meeting in November 2018, at which the following items were discussed:
 - NRMC update
 - National Response Framework Discussion
 - Water Sector RRAP
 - Decontamination Discussion
 - Cyber Intrusions Briefing
 - EPAs Water Infrastructure Cybersecurity Research
- DHS interactions over the last several months with the Water Sector Coordinating Council:
 - NRMC Liaison has been participating in the EPA's Quarterly Partners Meetings
 - NRMC Analyst have met with Water Sector Leadership to discuss National Critical Functions

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- NRMCLiaison participates in the Water Sector Leadership Monthly Calls.

PRESS PLAN: Closed

PARTICIPANTS:

Government: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (b)(6) Director, Water Security Division, EPA, and GCC Chair	Private Sector: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SCC leadership includes:• SCC Chair (b)(6) Davidson Water Inc• Vice-Chair is (b)(6) American Water• (b)(6) American Water Works Association is the Secretary.
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ATTACHMENTS: