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Brandon Wales is the Director of the Office of Cyber and Infrastructure Analysis (OCIA) at the Department of Homeland Security. OCIA provides integrated analysis of cyber and physical risks to the Nation's critical infrastructure. In February 2014, the Department created OCIA by consolidating analytic resources from across the National Protection and Programs Directorate, including the Homeland Infrastructure Threat and Risk Analysis Center (HITRAC) and the National Infrastructure Simulation and Analysis Center (NISAC).

From 2009-2014, Mr. Wales was the Director of HITRAC, an all-hazards analytic resource for public and private sector partners covering the full-array of risks and challenges facing the infrastructure community. As the Director of HITRAC he also oversaw the Department's advanced modeling, simulation, and analysis program at NISAC, where researchers from the Los Alamos and Sandia National Laboratories conduct ground-breaking and forward-leaning analysis of some of the Nation's most complex infrastructure challenges.

Mr. Wales is a recognized expert on infrastructure security and resilience, and is regularly called upon to brief senior officials in the Executive Branch and testify before Congress on emerging threats, infrastructure operations, and the implications of infrastructure failures and disruptions.

During his time at the Department, Mr. Wales has been selected to support a variety of Department-wide initiatives. When the Department began working on the first Quadrennial Homeland Security Review in 2009, Mr. Wales was asked to lead the review of the counterterrorism and cyber security mission areas. Following the release of Executive Order 13636, *Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity*, in February 2013, Mr. Wales led the effort to identify critical infrastructure at potential catastrophic risk from a cybersecurity incident.

Prior to joining the Department, Mr. Wales served as the principal national security advisor to United States Senator Jon Kyl and as a Senior Associate at a Washington-based foreign policy and national security think-tank.

Mr. Wales received his Bachelor's degree from George Washington University and his Master's degree from The Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.