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Dams Sector Overview

The Dams Sector comprises dam projects, navigation locks, levees, hurricane barriers, mine tailings impoundments, and other similar water retention and control facilities. Dams are vital to the Nation's infrastructure and provide a wide range of economic, environmental, and social benefits, including hydroelectric power, river navigation, water supply, flood control, and recreation. Most dams and related projects in the United States are privately owned, and the majority is regulated by State dam safety offices.

Dams Sector Vision

The Dams Sector will ensure the continued economic use of this key resource through a risk-informed management framework that addresses preparedness, response, mitigation, and recovery. By developing integrated protective programs and resilience strategies that accommodate its diversity, the Dams Sector will identify the appropriate measures, strategies, and policies to protect its assets and enhance their capability.

Dams Sector Partnership Framework

The Dams Sector operates under the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council framework, which facilitates collaboration between Government and private sector partners in support of critical infrastructure protection efforts. The Dams Sector's collaborative framework is implemented through a Sector Coordinating Council (SCC), a Government Coordinating Council (GCC), the Levee Sub-sector Coordinating Council (LSCC), and the Levee Government Coordinating Council (LGCC).

Dams Sector Coordinating Council

The Dams SCC is a self-run and self-governed organization that represents the spectrum of assets within the Dams Sector. The SCC includes non-Federal owners and operators and trade associations and serves as the private sector interface with the Federal Government on issues related to the security of dams, locks, and levees. Members include Allegheny Energy, American Electric Power, BC Hydro, CMS Energy, Dominion Resources, PPL Corporation, Southern Company, the U.S. Society of Dams, and Xcel Energy Corporation.

Dams Sector Government Coordinating Council

The Dams Sector GCC acts as the Government partner to the SCC to plan, implement, and execute sector-wide security programs for the sector's assets. The GCC includes representatives from Federal, State, local, and tribal owners and operators and Federal and State regulators of sector assets. The Department of Homeland Security's Office of Infrastructure Protection serves as the sector-specific agency and the GCC chair for the Dams Sector. Members of the GCC include the Bonneville Power Administration, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Lower Colorado River Authority, and the U.S. Department of Energy.

Levee Subsector Councils

Levee Subsector Coordinating Council (LSCC)

The LSCC serves as the private sector interface with the Federal Government on issues related to the security and protection of levees and flood damage reduction systems. Members of the LSCC include the American Society of Civil Engineers, the United States Society of Dams, the Louisiana State Police, and the National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies.

Levee Government Coordinating Council (LGCC)

The LGCC is the Government partner of the LSCC to plan, implement, and execute sector-wide security programs for the Nation's levees and flood control systems. LGCC members include the California Department of Water Resources, the National Resource Conservation Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Contact Information

For more information about the Dams Sector Councils, please contact the Dams Sector-specific Agency at dams@dhs.gov.



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