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National Infrastructure Advisory Council (NIAC)

The NIAC provides the President, through the Secretary of Homeland Security, with advice on the security of critical infrastructures, both physical and cyber, supporting sectors of the economy. It also has the authority to provide advice directly to the heads of other agencies that have shared responsibility for critical infrastructure protection, including Health and Human Services, Transportation, and Energy. The NIAC is charged to improve the cooperation and partnership between the public and private sectors in securing the critical infrastructures and advises on policies and strategies that range from risk assessment and management to information sharing to protective strategies and clarification on roles and responsibilities between public and private sectors.

Background

The National Infrastructure Advisory Council (NIAC) was created by Executive Order 13231 of October 16, 2001 and amended by Executive Order 13286 of February 28, 2003, Executive Order 13385 of September 29, 2005, Executive Order 13446 of September 28, 2007, Executive Order 13511 of September 29, 2009, and Executive Order 13585 of September 30, 2011. The Council is composed of not more than 30 members, appointed by the President, who are selected from the private sector, academia, and State and local government, representing senior executive leadership expertise from the critical infrastructure and key resource areas as delineated in HSPD-7.

Leadership

The position of NIAC Chair and Vice Chair are named by the President. Currently the NIAC Chair position is held by Ms. Constance Lau, President and CEO, Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc., and Dr. Beverly Scott, General Manager/CEO, Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, serves as the Vice Chair.

NIAC Secretariat

The Sector Outreach and Programs Division (SOPD) within the Department of Homeland Security serves as the NIAC Secretariat. SOPD is the primary hub for critical infrastructure expertise, coordinates infrastructure situational and operational awareness for DHS. The division builds and maintains public-private partnerships as well as forums to engage and support critical infrastructure sectors, including the responsibility for developing and maintaining information sharing programs with the sectors.

NIAC Operations

The NIAC meets publicly four times each year. All meetings generally are hosted in Washington, D.C. in a venue open to the public and members desiring to attend in person. The Council uses its public meetings as working meetings, focused on progress reports from

CURRENT ACTIVE ISSUES

- Regional Resilience Working Group

ISSUES PREVIOUSLY ADDRESSED / REPORTS DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT

- Intelligence Information Sharing Study, 2012
- A Framework for Establishing Critical Infrastructure Resilience Goals, 2010
- Optimization of Resources for Mitigating Infrastructure Disruptions, 2010
- Critical Infrastructure Resilience, 2009
- Framework for Dealing with Disasters and Related Interdependencies, 2009
- Critical Infrastructure Partnership Strategic Assessment, 2008
- The Insider Threat to Critical Infrastructures, 2008
- Chemical, Biological, and Radiological Events and the Critical Infrastructure Workforce, 2008
- The Prioritization of Critical Infrastructure for a Pandemic Outbreak in the United States, 2007
- Convergence of Physical and Cyber Technologies and Related Security Management Challenges, 2007
- Public-Private Sector Intelligence Coordination, 2006
- Workforce Preparation, Education and Research, 2006
- Sector Partnership Model Implementation, 2005
- Risk Management Approaches to Protection, 2005
- Common Vulnerability Scoring System, 2004
- Hardening the Internet, 2004
- Prioritizing Cyber Vulnerabilities, 2004
- Evaluation and Enhancement of Information Sharing Analysis, 2004
- Best Practices for Government to Enhance the Security of National Critical Infrastructures, 2004
- Cross Sector Interdependencies and Risk Assessment Guidance, 2004
- Vulnerability Disclosure Framework, 2004

its working groups and on deliberations to produce useful and actionable recommendations in a timely manner. The Council is very active, taking on up to six major studies per year, with high performance goals of delivering quality, well-researched reports between 6-12 months from the inception of the selected studies. Its reports have drawn public and private sector interest with regular requests from Congressional committees for copies. Public meetings are normally attended by several members of the Press. Specific requests by the President are directed to the Council for recommendations on issues of interest. The White House monitors the progress of the Council's studies on a regular basis between meetings through a liaison in the Homeland Security Council.

NIAC Membership

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