

Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program Update

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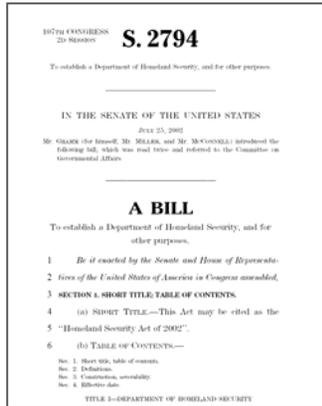


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Topics

- I. Infrastructure Protection (IP) Mission and Organization
- II. Radiological Emergency Preparedness Priorities
- III. Conclusions
- IV. Discussion

I. IP Strategic Drivers



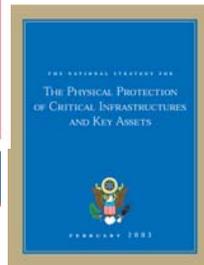
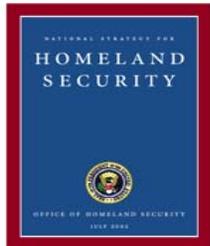
The Homeland Security Act established an Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection, with responsibility for assessing vulnerabilities of key resources and critical infrastructures and developing a comprehensive national plan



The recent hurricanes affirmed the Preparedness Directorate’s important mission and IP’s central role in preparedness

Secretary’s 2nd Stage Review

“2SR” established the Preparedness Directorate, which aligns IP with other DHS preparedness partners



National strategies for Homeland Security, Cyber Security, and Physical Protection of CI/KR provided high level goals and priorities for the Office of Infrastructure Protection



HSPDs 5-9 provided inter-related and focused policy guidance in the areas of incident management, critical infrastructure protection, and national preparedness. HSPD-7 is a central policy driver of IP plans and programs



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Mission and Key Success Factors

MISSION:

- Lead the coordinated national effort to reduce the risk to our critical infrastructures and key resources posed by acts of terrorism, and enable national preparedness, timely response and rapid recovery in the event of an attack, natural disaster or other emergency.

KEY SUCCESS FACTORS:

- Exercise national-level leadership in providing CI/KR protection expertise and awareness, best practices, strategic guidance, and operational engagement as necessary;
- Use a risk management approach to drive strategic thinking in everything that we do;
- Promote national unity of effort across all levels of government and the private sector;
- Integrate and leverage diverse authorities, capacities, and resources at all levels of government and within the private sector; and
- Act as a catalyst for national-level innovation and problem solving through coordinated, high-impact pilot efforts and protective initiatives with application across the CI/KR sectors most at risk.



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Objectives



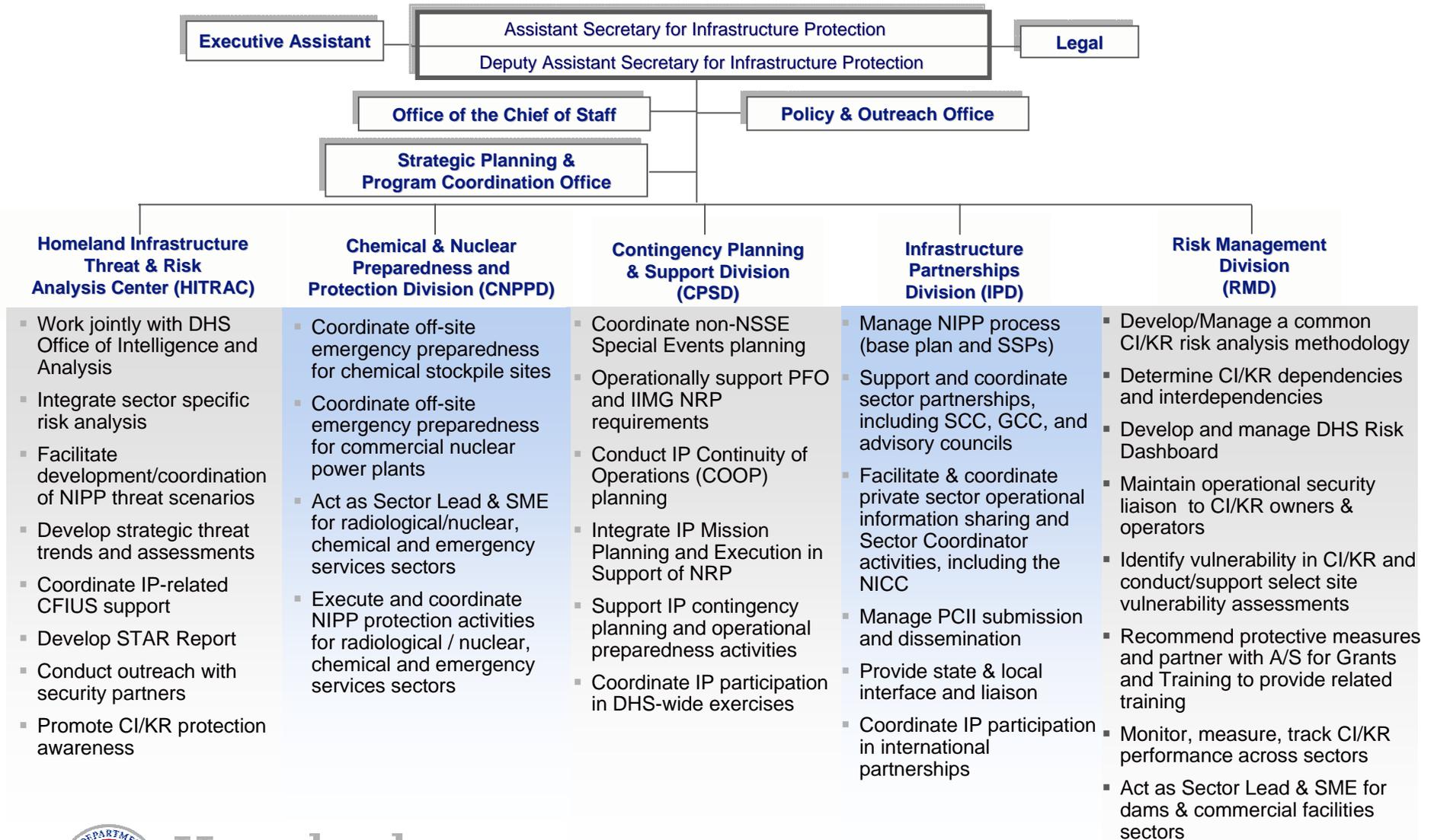
The Office of Infrastructure Protection will ensure that:

- A comprehensive national CI/KR protection plan is developed
- Risk to critical infrastructure and key resources is assessed based upon an understanding of threat, vulnerability and consequences
- Risk-based policies, approaches, guidelines, and methodologies are established across all CI/KR sectors
- Information, analyses, and assessments are integrated in order to identify priorities for risk mitigation
- Efforts are coordinated with other Federal Government agencies, State and local government agencies, the private sector, and other entities
- Productive partnerships and information sharing relationships are fostered (Federal, state, local, territorial, tribal, private sector, international)
- Nationally coordinated, locally executed IP-related emergency preparedness, incident management, and response programs are developed and implemented



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Leadership & Organization—the *New IP*

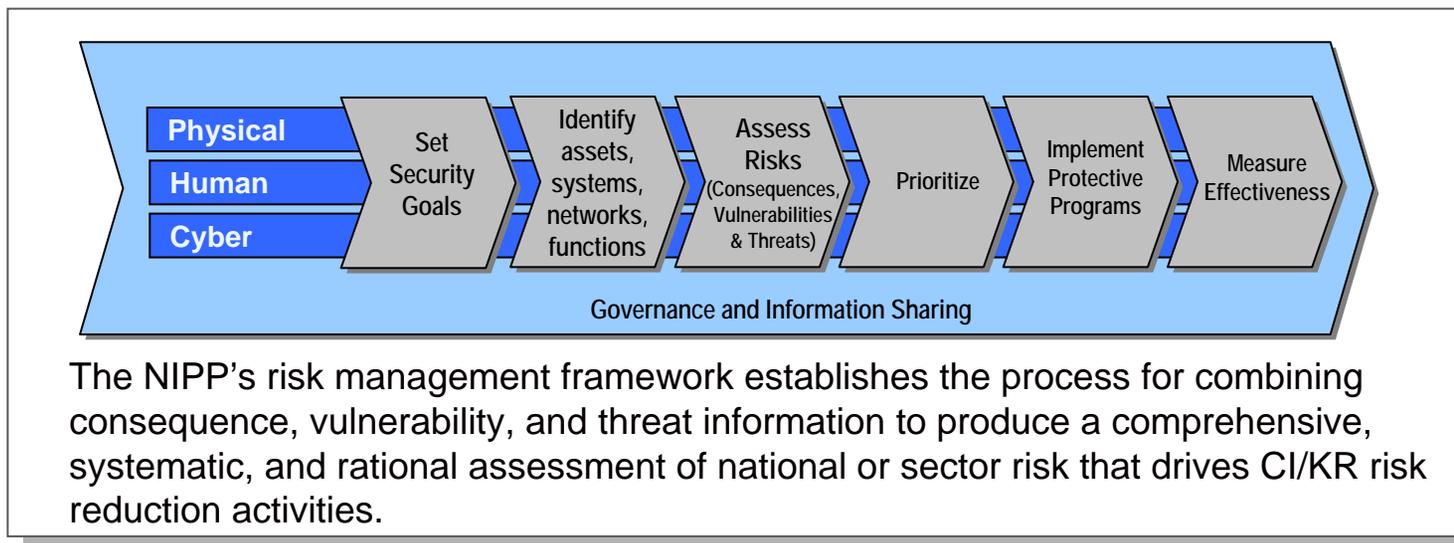


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The Operational Framework: National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP)

As the operational framework for IP activities, the NIPP will:

- Detail the national architecture we will use to protect our CI/KR sectors (governance, information sharing, risk analysis, protective measures, and performance measurement)
- Provide a clear division of labor between IP and our Federal, State, local, tribal, and private sector partners
- Form the basis for a risk-based CI/KR protection requirements determination and prioritization process
- Inform the annual Federal budget process in the CI/KR protection mission area

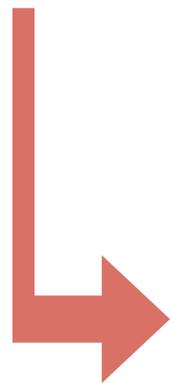


II. Radiological Emergency Preparedness Priorities

- Revising REP Program Regulations and Guidance
- Consolidating DHS/NRC MOUs
- Conducting Biennial Exercises
- Performing Alert and Notification System Reviews
- Filling Vacancies and Preparing to Hire Additional Staff
- Publishing the Nuclear Sector Specific Plan
- Conducting Comprehensive Reviews of Nuclear Power Plants

III. Conclusions

With the changes initiated by 2SR and the IP programmatic review now firmly in place, the REP Program is poised to more effectively execute its mission and build upon the solid foundation of activities and partnerships that have been the hallmark of its operation since its inception.



Areas of Emphasis

- Maintain DHS' leadership role in offsite security and emergency preparedness
- Expand partnerships with other Federal departments and agencies with security and emergency preparedness authorities and capabilities
- Enhance staff capabilities and expertise
- Build upon existing relationships with State and local officials
- Complete integration of the REP Program into the Preparedness Directorate



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IV. Discussion



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