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On January 6-8 NSIR staff accompanied staff from NMSS to Sandia National Laboratories to discuss the lab's contract work on NRC vulnerability assessments. The meetings helped NSIR understand the amount and scope of contracted vulnerability efforts and to begin reviewing the efforts for any potential gaps, overlaps, or inconsistencies.

Director, NSIR led a multi-office briefing on January 16 to the Deputy EDOs on the agency's vulnerability assessment activities. The briefing focused on four points derived from an earlier Commission meeting, and discussed accomplishments to date and processes developed or under development to better coordinate activities across the offices. Directors or Deputy Directors from NRR, NMSS, RES and NSIR participated.

NSIR staff attended a Counter Terrorism Technical Support Office, Technical Support Working Group-Infrastructure Protection subgroup meeting on January 15, 2003, in Crystal City, VA. At the meeting it was mentioned that funding for the office will be at its highest level ever in FY04, with Department of Homeland Defense funding of \$30M, bringing the total to \$200M.

NSIR staff placed a call to the North American Reliability Council (NERC) Critical Infrastructure Protection Advisory Group (CIPAG) on January 16, 2003. The staff briefed the group on NRC's activities for physical and cyber protection. The CIPAG is writing security guidelines for the electricity sector. NERC is funded by the Department of Energy to act as the Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ISAC) for the electricity sector.

Future meeting

NSIR staff will attend a Counter Terrorism Technical Support Office, Technical Support Working Group-Physical Protection subgroup meeting on January 23, 2003 at Ft. Belvoir, VA. The purpose of the meeting is to identify and discuss inter-agency common requirements for physical protection to be placed in a broad agency announcement in April 2003.