



*Department of Homeland Security, Office of Infrastructure Protection, Infrastructure Partnerships Division*

**National Infrastructure Coordinating Center**

## **Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources Information Sharing During an Incident of National Significance**

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The Department of Homeland Security's National Infrastructure Coordinating Center (NICC) serves as a focal point for coordinated critical infrastructure and key resources (CI/KR) incident-related information sharing with the owners/operators of the Nation's CI/KR and Federal Sector-Specific Agencies (SSAs)<sup>1</sup>.

### **CI/KR Situation Assessment and Status Reports**

In support of a disaster response, the NICC establishes and conducts daily, cross-sector, interactive teleconferences with impacted CI/KR industry and SSA partners to provide national-level situational awareness and incident-specific information sharing, as outlined below:

1. In conjunction with an incident, the NICC will schedule and support a teleconference at 1100 EST. The purpose of the teleconference is to provide owners and operators with a collated status of the CI/KR, to facilitate cross-sector discussions, and to address high-level questions and concerns. The NICC will provide log-in information directly to the CI/KR owners and operators and SSA participants.
2. The NICC provides a tailored situation assessment with individual and cross-sector impacts and status based on the latest DHS Situation Report, which includes a consolidated CI/KR situation report.
3. Immediately following the situation assessment, sector-specific issues and concerns will be addressed in follow-on "break out" sessions, led jointly by the SSAs and DHS Sector Specialists.
4. Following the teleconference, the NICC provides CI/KR industry partners with Web-enabled access to a variety of DHS Situation Reports, press releases, requests for information and responses, and other pertinent information.

### **CI/KR Requests for Assistance (RFA) and Requests for Information (RFI)**

The NICC receives and processes RFAs and RFIs from the owners and operators of the Nation's CI/KR. The NICC directs these requests to the appropriate national or incident area disaster response Joint Field Office (JFO) entity for resolution and response. Additionally, the NICC provides a tracking mechanism for CI/KR requests at both the national and JFO level to ensure resolution, follow-up, and response to the requestor.

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<sup>1</sup> The SSAs and their respective CI/KR sectors include: Department of Agriculture (Food and Agriculture); Department of Treasury (Banking & Finance); Department of Health and Human Services (Public Health and Healthcare, Food); Department of Energy (Energy); Department of Interior (National Monuments & Icons); Department of Defense (Defense Industrial Base); Environmental Protection Agency (Drinking Water and Water Treatment Systems); and Department of Homeland Security (Dams; Chemical; Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste; Commercial Facilities; Government Facilities; Transportation; Postal & Shipping; Emergency Services; Telecommunications; and Information Technology).