



National Infrastructure Protection Plan

The National CI/KR Protection Annual Report

The National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) provides the coordinated approach that is used to establish national priorities, goals, and requirements for critical infrastructure and key resources (CI/KR) protection so that Federal funding and resources are applied in the most effective manner to reduce vulnerability, deter threats, and minimize the consequences of attacks and other incidents. It establishes the overarching concepts relevant to all CI/KR sectors identified in Homeland Security Presidential Directive-7 (HSPD-7), and addresses the physical, cyber, and human considerations required for effective implementation of protective programs. The plan specifies the key initiatives, milestones, and metrics required to achieve the Nation's CI/KR protection mission and sets forth a comprehensive risk management framework and clearly defines roles and responsibilities for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Sector-Specific Agencies (SSAs), and other Federal, State, local, tribal, and private sector security partners.

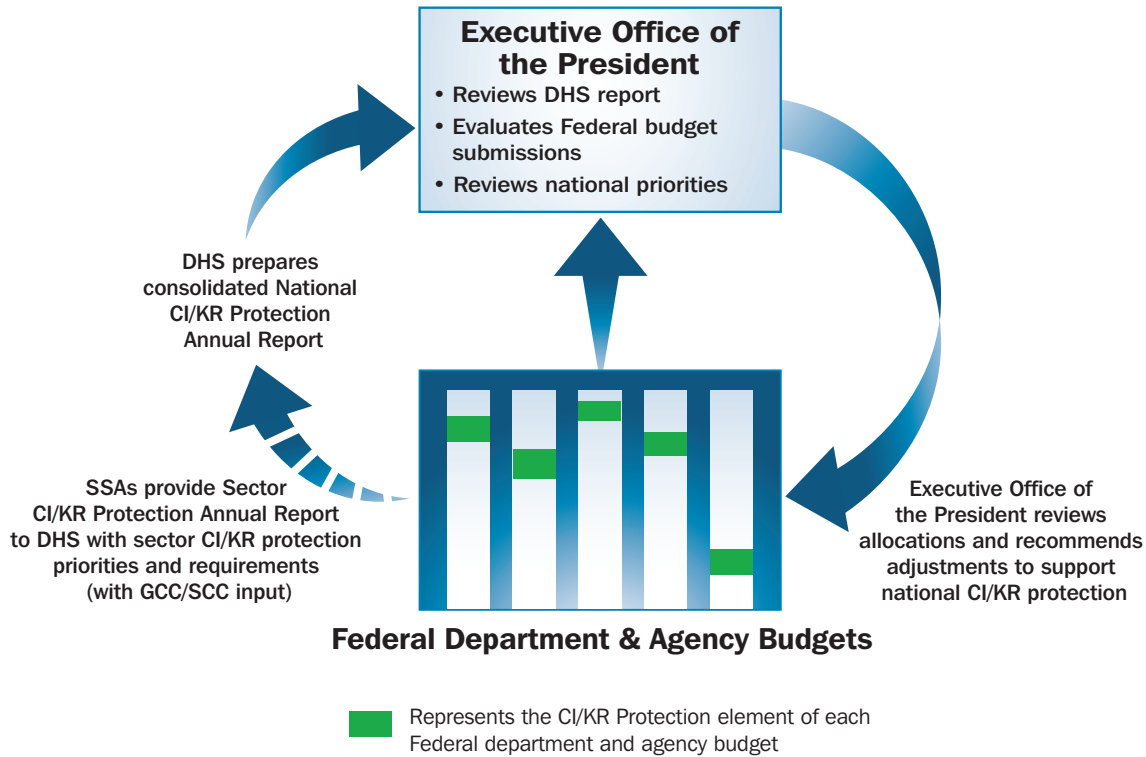
HSPD-7 requires each SSA to provide an annual report to the Secretary of Homeland Security on their efforts to identify, prioritize, and coordinate CI/KR protection in their respective sectors. DHS provides the SSAs with reporting guidance and templates that include requests for specific information, such as CI/KR protection priorities, requirements, and resources. The SSAs, supported by their respective Sector Coordinating Councils (SCCs) and Government Coordinating Councils (GCCs), provide information regarding their sectors' individual CI/KR protection efforts through the Sector CI/KR Protection Annual Report.

Given their unique capabilities and individual risk landscapes, CI/KR sectors each face different protection challenges. Interdependencies among sectors can cause duplicative protection efforts or lead to gaps in funding for CI/KR protection. It is essential to accurately assess priorities, requirements, and efforts in accordance with the CI/KR protection mission to ensure that resources are allocated according to national priorities.

DHS will use the information collected from the Sector CI/KR Protection Annual Reports and State reports to the DHS Office of Grants and Training to assess CI/KR protection status and requirements across the country.

Figure 1

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As national priorities and requirements are established, DHS will develop funding recommendations for programs and initiatives designed to reduce national-level risk in the CI/KR protection mission area. In cases where gaps or duplicative efforts are identified, DHS will work with the SSAs and the States to identify strategies or additional funding sources to help ensure that national CI/KR protection priorities are efficiently and effectively addressed.

Following the collection and aggregation of sector- and State-level data, DHS will summarize this information in the National CI/KR Protection Annual Report. This report will provide a summary of national CI/KR protection priorities and requirements and make recommendations for prioritized resource allocation across the Federal Government to meet national-level CI/KR protection needs (see Figure 1). The National CI/KR Protection Annual Report will be submitted along with the DHS budget submission to the Executive Office of the President.



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