

# FACT SHEET

(Updated 2/9/09)

## *The National Infrastructure Advisory Council (NIAC)*

### CURRENTLY ACTIVE ISSUES

- Frameworks for Dealing with Disasters and Related Interdependencies
- Critical Infrastructure Resilience

### ISSUES PREVIOUSLY ADDRESSED / REPORTS DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT

- Critical Infrastructure Partnership Strategic Assessment
- Insider Threats to Physical and Cyber Security of Critical Infrastructures
- Chemical, Biological and Radiological Events and Critical Infrastructure Workforce
- Convergence of Physical and Cyber Technologies and Related Security Management Challenges
- Prioritization of Critical Infrastructure for a Pandemic Outbreak in the United States
- Public-Private Sector Intelligence Coordination
- Education, Workforce Preparation and Research to Develop Nation's Human Capital for Security.
- Aligning Public-Private Sector Risk Management Approaches to Protection
- Sector Partnership Model Implementation
- Evaluation and Enhancement of Information Sharing
- Best Practices for Government Intervention to Enhance Security of National Critical Infrastructures
- Interdependency Risk Assessment
- Vulnerability Disclosures
- National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace (Review)
- Hardening the Internet
- Prioritizing Cyber Vulnerabilities
- Common Vulnerability Scoring System

**PURPOSE:** 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, as amended by Executive Order 13286 of February 28, 2003 and Executive Order 13385 of September 29, 2005. 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 Mr. Erle A. Nye, Chairman Emeritus, TXU Corp., and Mr. Alfred R. Berkeley III, Chairman and CEO, Pipeline Trading, LLC, serves as the Vice Chair.

**NIAC SECRETARIAT:** The Partnership and Outreach Division (POD) within the Department of Homeland Security serves as the NIAC Secretariat. POD is the primary hub for critical infrastructure expertise, coordinates infrastructure situational and operational awareness for DHS, and builds and maintains public-private partnerships and 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. Two of the meetings are by teleconference and two are in-person. All meetings, whether in person or by teleconference, 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 its working groups and on deliberations to produce useful and actionable recommendations in a timely manner. The Council is very active, taking on four 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. The President meets with the Council at least once a year and has directed very specific requests 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.

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