



Critical Infrastructure Protection Mission Assurance Assessments

Highlights

CIP-MAA Teams:

- Assess and protect Defense Critical Infrastructure utilizing Defense Critical Infrastructure Program (DCIP) benchmarks and standards
- Conduct all-hazard risk assessments on critical DIB assets deemed vital to national security and homeland defense missions
- Consist of eight National Guard personnel (six Army and two Air) trained in DCIP risk assessment methodology

DHS VATs:

- Conduct Site Assistance Visits on DHS identified Critical Infrastructure and Key Resource assets
- The NGB provides program management oversight for nineteen DHS teams that conduct more than 200 assessments per calendar year
- Authorities: Homeland Security Presidential Directive 7 and National Infrastructure Protection Plan



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DOD Mission: The National Guard Bureau (NGB) currently fields and provides program management oversight for three Critical Infrastructure Protection - Mission Assurance Assessments (CIP-MAA) teams. Each eight-person team is comprised of six Army National Guard members and two Air National Guard members. Each CIP-MAA team conducts all-hazards risk assessments on critical Defense Industrial Base (DIB) assets for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (OASD). Conducting risk assessments on critical DIB assets is a key component to OASD's overall responsibility set forth in Department of Defense Directive 3020.40, DoD Policy and Responsibilities for Critical Infrastructure. The Chief of the National Guard Bureau is tasked with maintaining a Defense Critical Infrastructure Program office of primary responsibility and with providing strategic program management oversight for DIB operations. The NGB works in unison with the Defense Contract Management Agency to schedule and conduct risk assessments on behalf of OASD.

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Mission: In addition to the CIP-MAA teams, the NGB also fields nineteen DHS Vulnerability Assessment Teams (VATs) that conduct three-day assessments of prioritized Critical Infrastructure and Key Resource assets. Teams are situated in thirteen states and provide coverage for all ten FEMA regions. Personnel utilize a vulnerability assessment methodology that fully covers antiterrorism/force protection (AT/FP) benchmarks and standards, while fully taking into account both the mission and the facility.