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National Infrastructure Protection Plan 2013

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) just released the updated [National Infrastructure Protection Plan - NIPP 2013 Partnering for Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience](#). The NIPP 2013 was updated from the 2009 revision in part to meet the requirements for Presidential Policy Directive-21: Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience, signed in February 2013.

PPD-21 and the Executive Order released in February 2013 mandated more attention to cyber security for critical infrastructures. The NIPP 2013 addresses this concern by directing the government to coordinate better with private sector owners and operators of critical infrastructure facilities.

Other important changes made during the revision include:

- Reducing the number of [Critical Infrastructure Sectors](#) from 18 to 16;
- Reflects today's integrated all-hazards environment;
- Greater focus on integration of cyber and physical security efforts;
- Refining information sharing processes during all phases of the risk management framework;
- Reinforcing existing security and resilience partnerships and creating new ones between state, local, territorial, tribal, and regional stakeholders.

The DHS Acting Under Secretary and Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection will be holding a conference call Monday, January 13, 2014, 11 a.m. - 12 Noon EST to discuss the implementation of the National Infrastructure Protection Plan. The call in number is 888-889-4460 and the passcode is 9830996.

(Source: [DHS](#))

Flu Season Already Hitting Some States Hard

[Seasonal flu](#) is increasing nationwide and is already very high in some states according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). [At least five deaths in Texas are attributed to H1N1](#), which appears to be the leading strain of flu this year. H1N1 first emerged during the 2008-09 flu season.

The CDC is saying "[this strain has a predilection for young adults](#)" and encourages everyone to get a flu shot this year, especially those in states

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already seeing high numbers of cases and those who are in high-risk groups. This year's flu vaccine includes protection against the H1N1 strain. They expect flu levels to increase over the next few weeks.

It is especially important for EMS providers, healthcare workers, and all other emergency services personnel to get the flu shot this year to help protect themselves, their coworkers, and the people they serve.

The CDC also released a Clinician Advisory Notice for H1N1 with guidelines for treatment and reporting. Their [weekly FluView](#) gives updated data and medical surveillance on flu cases across the country.

(Source: [CDC](#))

Infrastructure Vandal Faces Terrorism Charges

An Arkansas man faces [federal terrorism charges related to alleged incidents of sabotage](#) and vandalism in August and September. The man is also charged with destruction of an energy facility, use of fire to commit a felony, unregistered weapons possession, and drug use, among other charges.

The man allegedly sabotaged a high voltage power line support tower. A power line fell on a railroad track and was struck later by a train, which severed the line and caused power outages. The man is charged with "terrorist attack against a railroad carrier" for this incident.

Incidents of vandalism appear to be increasing in the energy and transportation sectors. Terrorism charges for such acts are rare, although an [FBI report](#) from 2002-2005 lists several such charges for acts of eco-terrorism. Owners and operators are encouraged to re-evaluate security methods and practices.

(Source: [US Department of Justice](#))

January Chemical Safety Listening Sessions

More dates are available for the series of listening sessions on [Improving Chemical Facility Safety and Security](#), part of Executive Order (EO) 13650. The federal [Working Group](#) is hosting listening sessions to share an overview of the various sections of the EO and the progress made to date.

Additionally, stakeholders such as chemical producers or storage companies, agricultural supply companies, state and local regulators, first responders, and environmental or community groups will have the chance to give input on areas in the EO. [New dates and times include](#) (PDF, 127 Kb):

- Wednesday, January 8, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in Sacramento, CA
- Thursday, January 9, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in Los Angeles, CA
- Friday, January 10, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in Los Angeles, CA
- Tuesday, January 14, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in Washington, DC
- Friday, January 24, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in Houston, TX

A teleconference bridge is available to anyone not able to attend in person. Registration is required to attend in person or by phone.

(Source: [OSHA](#))

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