



NEW AND NOTEWORTHY: AN UPDATE ON THE NATIONAL CYBER INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN 2024

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Overview

“New and Noteworthy” is a series of newsletters that will keep the public apprised of the process for updating the National Cyber Incident Response Plan (NCIRP) and incorporating stakeholder input, which the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) is leading through the Joint Cyber Defense Collaborative (JCDC). This second issue of “New and Noteworthy” summarizes JCDC’s recent engagement and outreach activities, provides an update on the status of the current NCIRP 2024 draft, and contains information about the upcoming public comment period.

Join the NCIRP virtual listening session on Thursday, June 27, 2024 from 1-2 pm EST. If you are interested in attending, please pre-register here:

Attendee registration link:

<https://cisa.webex.com/weblink/register/9d7d76a2172c4c2948186580e8ac0a79>

Learn about NCIRP on CISA.gov

CISA recently launched an updated version of the [NCIRP webpage](#) to serve as your one-stop-shop for the most up-to-date information on NCIRP 2024 development and opportunities for stakeholders to provide feedback. Check this page frequently for updates!

Moving Toward Public Comment on the NCIRP 2024

The CPT is moving full steam ahead on finalizing the current draft of the NCIRP 2024 and incorporating public and private stakeholder feedback gathered through numerous working sessions held over the last six months. Since the [last issue of New and Noteworthy](#), the Core Planning Team (CPT) has reviewed two drafts of the NCIRP 2024 to help prepare a version for public comment and to validate that the concepts discussed are accurately reflected in the plan. A draft of the NCIRP 2024 is being prepared and will be posted to CISA’s [NCIRP webpage](#) for public comment this summer. During the public comment period, we invite stakeholders from across public and private sectors, academia, individual researchers, and experts in cybersecurity to share their perspectives, inform our findings, and contribute to updating the NCIRP 2024. Further information about the public comment process and how stakeholders can provide feedback will be posted to the [NCIRP webpage](#). Through JCDC, CISA will review all comments and feedback, however due to the volume of comments and feedback expected, we may not be able to provide replies to specific comments. Check the [NCIRP webpage](#) frequently for opportunities to engage on NCIRP and for updates on the public comment period.

Virtual Public Listening Sessions

On May 8, CISA held the first of three NCIRP virtual public listening sessions to give JCDC participants and stakeholders from across the critical infrastructure community an opportunity to reflect on adoption and use of the current NCIRP and their experiences coordinating with the federal government during a significant cyber incident. The listening session attracted a diverse audience, allowing us to draw inputs from industry, state and local governments, federal agencies, international, and educational entities.

During this session, CISA provided an overview of the NCIRP and outlined the process for updating the 2024 Plan, which will be published by the end of the 2024 calendar year. The CISA NCIRP team addressed the following questions from stakeholders:

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- **The role of Information Sharing and Analysis Centers (ISACs):** Given their insight into incidents, several ISACs are participating in the NCIRP CPT to ensure that the updated plan accurately captures their valuable role in incident response coordination.
- **The integration of SLTT entities into cyber incident response:** Participants highlighted the importance of integrating SLTT organizations into cyber response. The NCIRP Core Planning Team includes SLTT entities and organizations to receive their feedback and inputs directly, and the draft NCIRP 2024 outlines a path to continue integrating SLTT organizations into the incident response coordination process.
- **The role of state fusion centers in the information sharing process:** Participants raised the role of state fusion centers in the information sharing ecosystem. The proposed NCIRP 2024 draft continues to recognize this role for fusion centers.
- **Cyber incident reporting:** The current NCIRP does not describe who an asset owner should call during a significant cyber incident. The updated draft will provide guidance on the appropriate agencies to contact during a cyber incident. However, this update will not address mandatory reporting requirements due to the ongoing nature of the rule-making process for the Cyber Incident Reporting for Critical Infrastructure Act.

CISA is grateful to the participants who attended the virtual public listening session and will consider their comments during the update process. CISA looks forward to hosting two additional virtual sessions scheduled for June 27 (registration link above) and August 1. Registration information will be published on the CISA NCIRP website in advance of these sessions.

Engagement and Outreach

The NCIRP 2024 CPT – which is composed of 150 members representing 32 distinct federal Department and Agency components, three State, Local, Tribal and Territorial (SLTT) entities, and 25 private sector organizations – has convened on a bi-weekly basis for a total of nine meetings to date. The goal of the CPT meetings is to ensure the NCIRP 2024 incorporates feedback from relevant stakeholders based on lessons learned since the 2016 release.

On May 22, the NCIRP CPT met for the ninth time to discuss outcomes from the first public listening session, validate the accuracy of detection and response activities as described in the updated draft, and provide a preview of activities related to the upcoming public comment period.

In addition to CPT meetings, CISA has solicited feedback and input from a wide range of stakeholders from the federal interagency, private sector, and SLTT communities through written feedback, one-on-one discussion sessions, informational listening sessions, and drop-in office hours led by the JCDC. As of May 29, we have reached over 1,000 stakeholders through more than 113 distinct engagements. We plan to continue outreach through the public comment process, virtual listening sessions, and additional one-on-one and stakeholder-specific engagements as we prepare for a final release of the 2024 NCIRP this fall. We welcome feedback via email to ncirp@cisa.dhs.gov.

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