Dams Sector Resources

The Dams Sector, through the auspices of the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council\(^1\), has developed a multitude of reference documents and tools focused on the enhancement of prevention, protection, security, recovery, and resilience capabilities across the Nation. Reference documents and tools include both open source and those designated as 'For Official Use Only' (FOUO). Resources available to stakeholders representing organizations and agencies associated with the Dams Sector include handbooks, guides, brochures, fact sheets, and analytical tools. This fact sheet provides a brief description and access information for the various reference documents and analytical tools developed by the Dams Sector, as well as additional resources of importance.

### Strategic Documents

**National Infrastructure Protection Plan**
Provides the unifying structure for the integration of a wide range of efforts for the enhanced protection and resilience of the Nation’s critical infrastructure and key resources (CIKR) into a single national program. The overarching goal of the plan is to build a safer, more secure, and more resilient America by preventing, deterring, neutralizing, or mitigating the effects of deliberate efforts by terrorists to destroy, incapacitate, or exploit elements of the Nation’s CIKR and to strengthen national preparedness, timely response, and rapid recovery in the event of an attack, natural disaster, or other emergency. Available via the HSIN-CS Dams Portal; DHS CIKR Resource Center Web site.

**Dams Sector-Specific Plan**
Supports the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) by establishing a coordinated approach to national priorities, goals, and requirements for critical infrastructure protection. The Dams Sector-Specific Plan provides the means by which the NIPP is implemented across the sector, as well as a national framework to address the sector’s unique characteristics and risk landscape. Available via the HSIN-CS Dams Portal.

**Dams Sector Annual Report (FOUO)**
Provides information pertaining to the Dams Sector’s efforts to identify, prioritize, and coordinate critical infrastructure protection. The Dams Sector-Specific Agency, in coordination with the Dams Sector Councils, develops annual reports to provide information regarding the sector’s critical infrastructure protection efforts. Available via the HSIN-CS Dams Portal.

### Handbooks

**Dams Sector Security Awareness Handbook (FOUO)**
Assists in identifying security concerns, coordinating proper response, and establishing effective partnerships with local law enforcement and first responder communities. Available via the HSIN-CS Dams Portal.

**Dams Sector Protective Measures Handbook (FOUO)**
Assists in selecting protective measures addressing the physical, cyber, and human elements; includes recommendations for developing site security plans. Available via the HSIN-CS Dams Portal.

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\(^1\)The Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council (CIPAC) framework facilitates effective coordination between Federal infrastructure protection programs and infrastructure protection activities of State, local, tribal, and territorial governments, and the private sector. CIPAC provides a forum that allows government and private sector partners to engage in a broad spectrum of activities and initiative that support critical infrastructure protection.
**Dams Sector Crisis Management Handbook**
Provides information relating to emergency response and preparedness issues; includes recommendations for developing emergency action plans and site recovery plans. Available via the HSIN-CS Dams Portal; DHS Dams Sector Resource Web site; ASDSO Web site.

**Guides**

**Dams Sector Security Awareness Guide**

**Dams Sector Security Awareness Guide for Levees**
Assists in identifying security concerns, coordinating proper response, and establishing effective partnerships with local law enforcement and first responder communities. Available via the HSIN-CS Dams Portal; DHS Dams Sector Resource Web site.

**Dams Sector Active and Passive Vehicle Barriers Guide**
Provides information on a variety of active and passive vehicle barriers. Available via the HSIN-CS Dams Portal.

**Dams Sector Waterside Barriers Guide**
Provides information on waterside barriers, including their use and maintenance. Available via the HSIN-CS Dams Portal.

**Personnel Screening Guide for Owners and Operators**
Provides information that assists in developing and implementing personnel screening protocols. Available via the HSIN-CS Dams Portal.

**Dams Sector Pandemic Influenza Planning Guide**

**Brochures**

**Dams Sector Overview**
Provides information regarding the Dams Sector, including the partnership framework with which the sector operates, and some of the reference documents developed by the sector. Available via the HSIN-CS Dams Portal.

**Security Awareness for Levee Owners**
Provides succinct information on surveillance indicators and incident reporting. Available via the HSIN-CS Dams Portal; DHS Dams Sector Resource Web site; ASDSO Web site.

**Physical Security Measures for Levees**
Provides information on physical security measures that a levee owner could employ and the factors affecting the selection of those measures. Available via the HSIN-CS Dams Portal; DHS Dams Sector Resource Web site; ASDSO Web site.

**Fact Sheets**

**Dams Sector Councils**
Provides information pertaining to the partnership framework with which the sector operates, as well as a list of Dams Sector Council members. Available via the HSIN-CS Dams Portal.

**HSIN-CS Dams Portal**
Provides information pertaining to the various components within the Dams Portal, membership structure, and registration process for new members. Available via the DHS Dams Sector Resource Web site.

**Dams Sector Consequence-Based Top Screen**
Provides information pertaining to the Consequence-Based Top Screen methodology, including how it was developed, its primary purpose, and the Web-based tool with which it is implemented. Available via the HSIN-CS Dams Portal; DHS Dams Sector Resource Web site.

**Dams Sector Suspicious Activity Reporting**
Provides information regarding the online Suspicious Activity Reporting tool within the HSIN-CS Dams Portal that was established to provide sector stakeholders with the capability to report and retrieve information pertaining to suspicious activities that may potentially be associated with pre-incident surveillance, and those activities related to the exploration or targeting of a specific critical infrastructure facility or system. Available via the HSIN-CS Dams Portal.

**References**

1. ASDSO Web site:
   [http://www.damsafety.org](http://www.damsafety.org)
2. DHS CIKR Resource Center Web site:
   [http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS860a/CIKR/NIPPinfo.htm](http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS860a/CIKR/NIPPinfo.htm)
3. DHS Dams Sector Resource Web site:
   [http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS860a/CIKR/dam1.htm](http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS860a/CIKR/dam1.htm)
4. HSIN-CS Dams Portal:

**Additional Information**

For additional information pertaining to Dams Sector resources, please contact the Dams Sector-Specific Agency at dams@dhs.gov.