

Private Sector Update

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Please Join Us in Celebrating Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Month 2019

Critical Infrastructure Friends and Colleagues,

November 1 marks the start of this year's Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Month.

The nation's infrastructure relies on a highly interdependent environment, in which cyber and physical systems converge. An impact in one area can quickly ripple across sectors to create disruptions across a community or even the nation. The threats we face—digital and physical, man-made, technological, and natural—are more complex, and the threat actors more diverse, than at any point in history. Determined nation-state adversaries continue to target America's infrastructure networks. Severe weather can be a threat anywhere in the country. And even public gathering places have been attacked.

Infrastructure Security Month is a time to shine a light on the vital role that these systems and places play in keeping the nation and our communities safe, secure and prosperous. It is also a time to think about how each of us can contribute to the security and resilience of the nation's most essential services and functions—things like instant access to energy; safe, clean drinking water; reliable transportation; agriculture that supplies plentiful food year around; and even chemicals that are the building blocks of everything from plastics to electronics to fuel. Our infrastructure also public venues that draw communities together to worship, learn, or even enjoy a game or concert.

Throughout the month of November, we are encouraging resilience through preparedness and exercises, and promoting smart, secure investment in resilient national infrastructure. Each week, we will highlight a different theme through a month-long social media campaign.

For more information on Infrastructure Security Month, please visit www.CISA.gov, where you can find a toolkit with ideas for getting engaged, as well as downloadable graphics for your website and other communications.

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