



IT Security



Supply Chain



OT Security



Insider Threat



Physical Security



Interoperable Communications

REGION 6



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The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) delivers services to support the security and resilience of critical infrastructure owners and operators and state, local, tribal, and territorial partners through 10 regions, inclusive of all states and territories.

CISA regional personnel work with critical infrastructure partners and communities to:

- **Support** preparation, response, and recovery efforts for hazards impacting critical infrastructure
- **Safeguard** soft targets and crowded places
- **Conduct** and **integrate** infrastructure assessments and analysis, including dependencies and cascading effects, on critical infrastructure to influence decision-making at all phases of emergency management
- **Facilitate** information sharing between public and private sector critical infrastructure partners
- **Enhance** election infrastructure security and other critical infrastructure cyber systems
- **Improve** situational awareness of cybersecurity risks and incidents

AT-A-GLANCE

Regional Office: Irving, Texas

Location: Ark., La., N.M., Okla., Tex.; 68 Tribal Nations

Size: 546,498 square miles

Estimated Population: 38,405,381

Key Facts:

- Home to over 45 percent of the nation's oil refining capabilities
- Highest concentration of chemical facilities in the country
- Leads the nation in cattle, cotton, hay, sheep, wool, goats, and mohair production

The CISA Region 6 Regional Director leads a cadre of security professionals located throughout the region. Through a regional office strategically located in Irving, Texas, regional personnel manage mission execution through steady state and incident operations, critical infrastructure analysis, and strategic outreach to critical infrastructure partners. Protective Security Advisors (PSAs), Chemical Security Inspectors (CSIs), Cyber Security Advisors (CSAs), Emergency Communications Division Coordinators, and visiting CISA staff all coordinate their critical infrastructure protection missions through the regional offices, and collaborate on regional critical infrastructure efforts, as needed. Regional personnel coordinate training events and exercises for stakeholders; participate in external planning with state, local, tribal, territorial, and private sector partners; and provide advice and expertise to stakeholders on infrastructure protection, data tools and information sharing platforms, critical infrastructure sector specialties, and resilience and recovery.

CYBERSECURITY

CISA leads the Nation's strategic and unified work to strengthen the security, resilience, and workforce of the cyber ecosystem to protect critical services and American way of life.

A core component of CISA's risk management mission is conducting security assessments in partnership with stakeholders, including critical infrastructure owners and operators. CISA works with these and other partners to assess various aspects of critical infrastructure (cyber resilience, cybersecurity controls, control system architectures, and adherence to best practices), and provides options for consideration to mitigate and manage risk.

Core assessment products and services include assessments using the Cyber Resilience Review, Cyber Infrastructure Survey, Vulnerability Scanning, the Cybersecurity Evaluation Tool, network design architecture reviews, and more.

PROTECTIVE SECURITY ASSESSMENTS

PSAs conduct Assist Visits to provide critical infrastructure facilities with an overview of available DHS services and/or provide a facility walk-through. PSAs may conduct more detailed security assessments, upon request.

PSAs conduct assessments using the **Infrastructure Survey Tool (IST)** or **Rapid Survey Tool**. Both tools help PSAs examine the most critical aspects of a facility's security and resilience posture, and an IST will compare a facility against the national average for similar facilities.

PSAs administer the **Regional Resiliency Assessment Program (RRAP)**, a voluntary cooperative assessment of specific critical infrastructure within a designated geographic area and a regional analysis of the surrounding infrastructure. RRAPs address a range of infrastructure resilience issues that could have regionally- and nationally- significant consequences.

TRAINING AND EXERCISES

PSAs coordinate with regional support and CISA facilitate or deliver **Counter-IED Training/Active Shooter Training/Workshops, Supply Chain Workshops, Insider Threat Training, Dams Security Workshops**, and others. Courses are provided in-person and virtually.

Regional personnel organize physical and cybersecurity **exercises (ranging from seminars, workshops, tabletops to full-scale exercises)** that test facility plans and procedures, identify gaps, and recognize lessons learned and best practices. Regional personnel also provide support to federal, state, local, and regional exercises organized by other organizations.

CSAs conduct **cyber workshops**, joining stakeholders across existing cybersecurity initiatives and groups to enhance information sharing. CSAs can also connect critical infrastructure partners to a variety of cyber risk management capabilities through the Critical Infrastructure Cyber Community Voluntary Program.

INCIDENT SUPPORT AND ANALYSIS

Regional personnel provide pre- and post-incident analysis, assessment, and stakeholder communication to support strong decision-making and improved resilience.

Regional personnel collaborate to determine impacts to regionally significant critical infrastructure and cross-sector impacts within an incident area while determining dependencies and cascading effects on critical infrastructure beyond the immediate incident area and directly affected critical infrastructure sectors.

To support local and state response, regions may deploy Infrastructure Specialists to Joint Field Offices, Emergency Operations Centers, and other command centers during a special event or incident, as necessary. Regional personnel provide critical infrastructure prioritization information, geospatial analysis, and information sharing to DHS and other federal agencies during special events and in response to threats and incidents.

EVENT SUPPORT

PSAs along with regional support provide risk assessments, security-focused strategic planning expertise, threat and hazard information, and on-site support for **National Special Security Events** and **Special Event Activity Rating** events occurring in the region, as well as other major events, as requested by state and local partners.

CHEMICAL SECURITY

CSIs perform regulatory activities for **high-risk chemical facilities** under the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards program. These facilities must meet and maintain risk-based performance security standards appropriate to the facilities and the risks they pose.

CSIs conduct regulatory inspections, respond to facilities' **compliance assistance** requests, and support facility **security plan development**. CSIs also engage in program outreach with stakeholders; private industry; and Federal, State, and local partners to coordinate the protection of covered facilities with local first responders, identify potential chemicals of interest, and share information.

FEDERAL FACILITY SECURITY AND RISK MANAGEMENT

The Region 6 Interagency Security Committee (ISC) Regional Advisor works closely to build enduring relationships with ISC Federal stakeholders to increase awareness of ISC standards through training and education. Our team works with Federal Executive Boards, Federal Protective Service, the General Services Administration and individual

Department/Agency Facility Security Committees and tenants to help identify barriers to compliance and ensure the development of policies and standards. For more information on Risk Management Process classes or the ISC Standard please email ISCAccess@hq.dhs.gov.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

CISA supports and promotes the nationwide improvement of emergency communications capabilities. CISA has subject matter experts located across the country to engage stakeholders and address the complex issues facing the emergency communications ecosystem.

Emergency Communications Coordinators seek to build partnerships between Federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial government stakeholders as well as the private sector. These partnerships result in a united effort to improve the Nation's operable and interoperable emergency communications.

- **Planning and Preparedness:** CISA provides plans, resources, and training to support operable and interoperable emergency communications for first responders.
- **Response:** Tools needed to communicate during steady state and emergency operations are available through CISA's programs, allowing first responders to have priority telecommunications services that support emergency communications and restoration.
- **Coordination:** Emergency communications training, tools, workshops, regional support and guidance documents are available to ensure that public safety have communications support during steady state and emergency operations.

For more information on Region 6:

- Visit the Regional Offices website: cisa.gov/region-6
- Contact regional staff at CISARegion6@hq.dhs.gov