

REGION 7

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 decisionmaking 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

AT-A-GLANCE

Regional Office: Kansas City, Mo. Location: Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska; 9 Tribal Nations Size: 285,606 square miles Estimated Population: 14,206,230 Key Facts:

Contains 300 companies accounting for 75 percent of the world's animal health product sales

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- Robust agricultural presence accounting for over 45% of the ethanol, 45% of the pork, 38% of the corn, and 20% of the beef production in the United States
- Houses six major military installations
- Improve situational awareness of cybersecurity risks and incidents

Through a regional office strategically located in Kansas City, Mo., 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.

EVENT SUPPORT

Regional personnel provide risk assessments, security-focused strategic planning expertise, threat and hazard information, and on-site support for National Special Security Events (NSSEs) and Special Event Activity Rating (SEAR) 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 (CFATS) 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 regulated facilities with first responders, identify potential high-risk chemicals and the exchange of information. Assistance is also available to chemical facilities that do not meet the regulatory threshold.

TRAINING AND EXERCISES

Regional personnel facilitate or deliver Active Shooter Training/Workshops, Supply Chain Workshops, Sector-Specific Security Workshops, and others.

Regional personnel facilitate delivery of training courses to prevent, protect against, respond to, and mitigate bombing incidents, including Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Awareness and Safety Procedures, Bomb Threat Management Planning, Active Threat Awareness, IED and Vehicle-Borne Threat Detection, Surveillance Protection, Sports and Entertainment Venues Bombing Prevention Solutions Portfolio, and more. Courses are provided in-person and virtually. Regional personnel organize physical and cyber security 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 (C3) Voluntary Program.

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), Site Assessment on First Entry (SAFE) or Multi-Asset and System Assessment (MASA). These 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.

CSAs offer three types of assessments: Cyber Infrastructure Survey, Cyber Resilience Review, and External Dependency Management, to provide a strategic, all-encompassing assessment of an organization's cyber posture.

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 provide critical infrastructure prioritization information, geospatial analysis, and information sharing to DHS HQ and other federal agencies during special events and in response to threats and incidents. Regional personnel collaborate to determine impacts to regionally significant critical infrastructure and cross-sector impacts within an incident area. Regional personnel determine dependencies and cascading effects on critical infrastructure beyond the immediate incident area and directly affected critical infrastructure sectors. Regions may deploy Infrastructure Specialists to Joint Field Offices, Emergency Operations Centers, and other command centers during a special event or incident, as necessary.

FEDERAL FACILITY SECURITY

Regional personnel work closely with Federal partners in the region to implement the Interagency Security Committee security standards and best practices for nonmilitary federal facilities.

For more information on Region 7:

- Visit the Regional Offices website: <u>https://www.dhs.gov/cisa/cisa-regional-offices</u>
- Contact regional staff: <u>CISARegion7@hq.dhs.gov</u>

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