



Dams Sector Overview



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OVERVIEW

The Dams Sector comprises dam projects, navigation locks, levees, hurricane barriers, mine tailings impoundments, and other similar water retention and control facilities. Dams are vital to the Nation’s infrastructure and provide a wide range of economic, environmental, and social benefits, including hydroelectric power, river navigation, water supply, flood control, and recreation. Most dams and related projects in the United States are privately owned, and a large majority is regulated by state dam safety offices. To enhance the security and resilience of the Sector, public and private sector partners collaborate through the Dams Sector Partnership.

DAMS SECTOR VISION

The Dams Sector will ensure the continued economic use of this key resource through a risk-informed management framework addressing preparedness, response, mitigation, and recovery. The Dams Sector will identify the appropriate measures, strategies, and policies to protect its assets and enhance their capability through the development of integrated protective programs and resilience strategies that accommodate the diversity of this sector.

DAMS SECTOR PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK

The Dams Sector operates under the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council framework, which facilitates collaboration between government and private sector partners in support of critical infrastructure security and resilience efforts. The collaborative framework established across the Dams Sector is implemented through a Sector Coordinating Council (SCC) and a Government Coordinating Council (GCC), as well as the Levee Subsector Coordinating Council (LSCC) and Levee Government Coordinating Council (LGCC).

Dams Sector Coordinating Council

The Dams SCC is a self-run and self-governed organization that represents the spectrum of assets within the Dams Sector. The SCC includes non-federal owners and operators and trade associations and serves as the private sector interface with the federal government on issues related to the security of dams, locks, and levees. Members include:

- Ameren Services Company
- American Electric Power
- Association of State Dam Safety Officials
- Association of State Floodplain Managers
- Avista Utilities
- Brookfield Renewable Energy
- Colorado River Energy Distributors Association
- Dominion Energy
- Duke Energy Corporation
- Exelon
- Grant County Public Utility District
- National Association of Flood and Stormwater Agencies
- National Water Resources Association
- New York City, Department of Environmental Protection
- New York Power Authority
- Northwestern Energy
- Ontario Power Generation
- Pacific Gas & Electric Company
- Salt River Project
- SCANA Corporation
- Seattle City Light
- South Carolina Public Service Authority
- Southern California Edison
- Southern Company
- United States Society on Dams
- Vistra Energy
- Xcel Energy Corporation

Dams Government Coordinating Council

The Dams GCC acts as the government partner to the SCC to plan, implement, and execute sectorwide security programs for the sector's assets. The GCC includes representatives from federal, state, local, and tribal owners and operators, and federal and state regulators of sector assets. The Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency serves as the Sector Risk Management Agency and the GCC Chair for the Dams Sector. Members of the GCC include:

- Bonneville Power Administration
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- Lower Colorado River Authority
- Tennessee Valley Authority
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of Commerce
- U.S. Department of Defense
- U.S. Department of Energy
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Department of Interior
- U.S. Department of Labor
- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- State of California
- State of Iowa
- State of New Hampshire
- State of New Jersey
- State of North Carolina

Levee Subsector Councils

Levee Subsector Coordinating Council (LSCC)

The LSCC serves as the private sector interface with the federal government on issues related to the security and protection of levees and flood damage reduction systems. Members of the LSCC include:

- Association of State Dam Safety Officials
- Association of State Floodplain Managers
- Clark County Regional Flood Control District
- Flood Control District of Maricopa County
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
- Miami Conservancy District
- Multnomah County Drainage District
- National Association of Flood and Stormwater Agencies
- Reclamation District 784
- Southeastern Louisiana Flood Prevention Authority

Levee Government Coordinating Council (LGCC)

The LGCC is the government partner to the LSCC to plan, implement, and execute sectorwide security programs for the Nation's levees and flood control systems. LGCC members include:

- State of Iowa
- State of New Jersey
- State of North Carolina
- State of New Hampshire
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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