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## Dams Sector Overview

### Background

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.

### 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 protection 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:

- American Electric Power
- Assn. of State Dam Safety Officials
- Assn. of State Floodplain Managers
- Avista Corporation
- Brookfield Renewable Energy
- CMS Energy
- Colorado River Energy Distributors Assn.
- Dominion Resources
- Duke Energy Corporation
- Exelon
- Grant County Public Utility District
- National Assn. of Flood and Stormwater Agencies/Miami Conservancy District
- National Hydropower Association
- New York Power Authority
- Northwestern Energy
- Ontario Power Generation
- Pacific Gas & Electric Company
- Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District
- SCANA Corporation
- Seattle City Light
- South Carolina Public Service Authority
- Southern California Edison
- Southern Company
- Xcel Energy Corporation

*The Dams Sector collaborates with public and private sector partners through the:*

- Dams Sector Coordinating Council
- Levee Subsector Coordinating Council
- Dams Government Coordinating Council
- Levee Government Coordinating Council



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## Dams Government Coordinating Council

The Dams GCC acts as the government partner to the SCC to plan, implement, and execute sector-wide 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's National Protection and Programs Directorate Office of Infrastructure Protection serves as the Sector-Specific 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. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Department of Interior
- U.S. Department of Labor
- U.S. Department of State
- State of Arkansas
- State of California
- State of Iowa
- State of New Hampshire
- State of New Jersey
- State of North Carolina
- State of Pennsylvania

## 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
- Brookfield Renewable Energy
- Clark County Regional Flood Control District
- Flood Control District of Maricopa County
- LA County Department of Public Works
- Multnomah County Drainage District
- National Association of Flood and Stormwater Agencies/Miami Conservancy District
- 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 sector-wide security programs for the nation's levees and flood control systems. LGCC members include:

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

### **For more information:**

Please contact the Dams Sector-Specific Agency at [dams@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:dams@hq.dhs.gov) for more information about the Dams Sector Councils.

The National Protection and Programs Directorate/Office of Infrastructure Protection (NPPD/IP) leads the national effort to mitigate risk to America's critical infrastructure from the full spectrum of 21st century threats and hazards. NPPD/IP coordinates with government and critical infrastructure owners and operators across 16 diverse sectors to enhance critical infrastructure resilience, strengthen protective programs, and share vital information.



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