

National Infrastructure Advisory Council (NIAC) Government-Industry Partnership

In October 2010, the National Infrastructure Advisory Council (NIAC) issued a report entitled, “A Framework for Establishing Critical Infrastructure Resilience Goals.” The report contained nine recommendations, including:

NIAC Recommendation: “The White House initiate an executive-level dialogue with electric and nuclear sector CEOs on the respective roles and responsibilities of the private sector in addressing high-impact infrastructure risks and potential threats...”

This recommendation has been the impetus for the NIAC collaboration, which, to date, has resulted in a meeting among industry CEOs with Secretary of Energy Steven Chu and Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano in July 2012; yielded a classified briefing for CEOs in Colorado Springs in September 2012; and led to the formation of the Joint Electric Executive Committee (JEEC), which convened in January 2013 and has a commitment to meet quarterly with the Deputy Secretaries of DOE and DHS.

The purpose of these quarterly meetings is to improve the electric power sector’s readiness to coordinate with the government in response to a major cyber attack, act of war, or widespread natural disaster by setting up a framework for ongoing collaboration and pre-disaster planning. To achieve these goals, the JEEC tasked a group of senior industry executives to work toward the following:

- Develop a coordinated government-industry incident response plan;
- Improve the flow of threat information and access to classified information; and
- Deploy proprietary government tools and technologies to improve utilities’ situational awareness.

JEEC Structure

The JEEC consists of chief executives representing each segment of the electric power industry, as well as the heads of the major industry trade associations. These executives will be the primary interface with the Deputy Secretaries. By coordinating at the most senior levels, both the industry and the government are demonstrating a commitment to working together in our common defense.

JEEC Leadership

Lew Hay, NextEra Energy (*chair*)
Kevin Wailes, Lincoln Electric Power System (*Vice Chair*)
Duane Highley, Arkansas Electric Cooperative (*Vice Chair*)
Mike Wallace, CSIS and NIAC (*Vice Chair*)

Trade Association Leadership

Tom Kuhn, EEI
Mark Crisson, APPA
Jo Ann Emerson, NRECA
Marv Fertel, NEI

JEEC Membership

Nick Akins, American Electric Power
David Christian, Dominion Generation
Ted Craver, Edison International
Ron Nichols, LA DWP
Tony Earley, PG&E
Jim Torgerson, UIL

Ken DeFontes, BG&E
Paul Koonce, Dominion Virginia Power
Chris Crane, Exelon Corporation
Michael Yackira, NV Energy
Tom Fanning, Southern Company
Ben Fowke, Xcel Energy

Kevin Burke, ConEd
Jim Rogers, Duke Energy
Connie Lau, HEI
Joe Rigby, Pepco Holdings
Kim Greene, TVA

Senior Executive Working Group (SEWG)

The SEWG is a group of COOs, CIOs, and other senior executives with relevant expertise tasked with advancing preparedness and government-industry coordination. To that end, the SEWG has broken into sub-teams that are focused on the three goals identified by the CEOs and Deputy Secretaries. In parallel, the government also is organizing around these goals with a commitment to synch government and industry efforts.

SEWG Sub-Team Mission Statements

Incident Response: The SEWG Sub-Team on Incident Response will draft a triaged, base plan for industry response to a major cyber attack. The sub-team is being guided by the question: “If there were an attack tomorrow, how would you respond?” The goal is to provide a template and mutual understanding of roles and responsibilities for the industry and our government counterparts.

Incident Response Team Leads:

Pablo Vegas, AEP Ohio

Mark Crosswhite, Southern Company

Tools and Technology: The SEWG Sub-team on Tools and Technology will identify and analyze government tools and technologies that aid in detection, protection, or mitigation, or improve situational awareness of cybersecurity threats to the electric grid. The goal of this sub-team is to assist the government and industry in overcoming technical, procedural, or legal hurdles to the broad, voluntary deployment of these tools and technologies.

Tools and Technology Team Leads:

Lakshman Charanjiva, NextEra Energy

Joseph Santamaria, PSE&G

Information Sharing: The SEWG Sub-team on Information Sharing will identify and analyze venues where cybersecurity information is shared. The goals of this sub-team are to streamline the process of information sharing; address barriers that limit the flow of information; identify appropriate recipients of information; and ensure the information that is being disseminated is actionable and enhances situational awareness of cybersecurity threats to the electric grid.

Information Sharing Team Leads:

Bud Albright, CenterPoint Energy

Joe Kelliher, NextEra Energy

Meetings to Date

July 23, 2012

September 13, 2012

January 16, 2013

Initial meeting of CEOs with Secretaries Chu and Napolitano

Classified briefing at NORTHCOM for more than 70 senior executives

First of quarterly meetings between Deputy Secretaries and JEEC

March 2013