

The Power of One

Owners and operators of companies that provide critical infrastructure harness employees and resources within their respective organizations to provide the things that we need such as power, communications and water. They work as one to be resilient and deliver vital services safely and securely.

These individual organizations come together within their various sectors via communities such as Information Sharing and Analysis Centers (ISACs). Through the ISACs, these organizations share physical and cyber threat information, situational awareness and best practices with each other and work together as one to coordinate and collaborate responses to incidents.

The ISACs collaborate through the National Council of ISACs to provide a cross-sector approach and to work as one collective with governments and other partners in order to provide a coordinated response and a unified message on the various threats and issues that critical infrastructure faces. Through the ISACs and NCI, organizations can scale and provide one common operational picture or perspective about threats, responses and impacts. That's why working with the ISACs and the NCI is important.

So as we kick off National Cyber Security Awareness Month, I encourage critical infrastructure owners and operators to join their respective ISAC(s) if they haven't already. Imagine being able to share, connect, hear and learn from your peers in order to ensure vital operations remain resilient despite the threats. And partners of critical infrastructure, I encourage you to work with the ISACs and the NCI to realize scale, perspective and efficiency to ensure our nations have the functions that are so essential to their safety and security.

When we can all work together as one that is powerful!