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## DHS Releases 2013 National Infrastructure Protection Plan

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The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released an updated National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) in December to help secure critical infrastructure assets, systems, and networks that Americans depend on in the new year.

"The National Plan is streamlined and adaptable to the current risk, policy, and strategic environments," according to a press release from DHS. "It provides the foundation for an integrated and collaborative approach to achieve the vision of a nation in which physical and cyber critical infrastructure remain secure and resilient, with vulnerabilities reduced, consequences minimized, threats identified and disrupted, and response and recovery hastened."

*NIPP 2013: Partnering for Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience* shows how the government and private sector in the critical infrastructure community work together to manage risks and is an updated version of the NIPP, which was originally introduced in 2006 and revised in 2009.

Key concepts of this latest version include a greater focus on integration of cyber and physical security efforts, closer alignment to national preparedness efforts, and integration of information-sharing as an essential component of the risk management framework, along with several other recommendations to integrate efforts in all levels of government and the private sector to better secure America's infrastructure.

The 2013 NIPP was developed through a collaborative process that included stakeholders from all 16 critical infrastructure sectors, all 50 states, and from government and industry. Along with the plan itself, DHS has also issued supplements for the plan geared towards helping the infrastructure community implement the plan, including sector-specific plans and resources for state and local partners.

To read the NIPP 2013 in full and access the additional materials provided by DHS, visit DHS's website [here](#) [1].

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