



Homeland Security Information Network Dams Portal

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has developed an information-sharing network that allows sector partners to effectively collect and disseminate information among Federal, State, and local agencies, and the private sector. The Homeland Security Information Network–Critical Sectors (HSIN-CS) is an Internet-based system that provides situational awareness and facilitates information sharing and collaboration with public and private critical infrastructure and key resources partners, domestically and internationally.

Background

HSIN-CS is an important aspect of the Dams Sector information-sharing environment (ISE), as it provides a forum for its members to access sensitive but unclassified information relevant to a number of sector issues. The HSIN-CS Dams Portal, managed by the Dams Sector-Specific Agency (SSA) within the Office of Infrastructure Protection/DHS, provides trusted and vetted public and private sector partners, including owners and operators, an effective web-based tool with multiple capabilities and information-sharing components. The portal includes various communities of interest focused on specific activities and initiatives within the sector; a reference library to provide information pertaining to issues such as security, protective measures, and crisis management; capabilities for suspicious activity reporting; and access to training modules.

Membership

The level of participation within the HSIN-CS Dams Portal is directly correlated with the structure of the Dams Sector

ISE. Therefore, the level of potential users includes Trusted Agents and Associates.

A Level I Trusted Agent is recognized as the primary senior representative of a Dams Sector ISE member, whereas Level II Trusted Agents serve as their corresponding secondary or alternate representatives. Primary voting members of the Dams Sector Coordinating Council and Dams Government Coordinating Council are automatically considered Level I Trusted Agents for their corresponding organizations. Both Level I and Level II Trusted Agents have full contributor access within the HSIN-CS Dams Portal, which includes the capability to upload and download documents, post and read messages, and receive alerts and notifications.

Associates are individuals who participate in the Dams Sector information-sharing processes, but are not designated as senior-level officials representing a Dams Sector ISE member. These users have read-only access within the HSIN-CS Dams Portal, which allows them to download documents, read messages, and receive general information.

Registration Process

Each agency or organization that is recognized as a member of the Dams Sector ISE has control over their corresponding list of users. These agencies and organizations can submit additional requests for portal access through their corresponding Level I representative. Access requests should be submitted by email to dams@dhs.gov, and they should include the following information for each individual nominated for HSIN-CS Dams Portal access:

- Name
- Agency/Organization
- Telephone
- Email
- HSIN Access Level

Individuals affiliated with other agencies or organizations who are seeking access on an ad-hoc basis should email the Dams SSA for more information.

For Additional Information

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