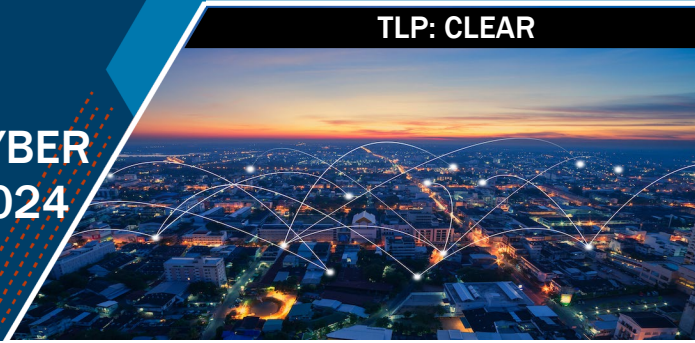




# NEW AND NOTEWORTHY: AN UPDATE ON THE NATIONAL CYBER INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN 2024

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## Overview

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) is leading the effort to update the National Cyber Incident Response Plan (NCIRP). “New and Noteworthy” is a series of newsletters that will keep the public apprised of the process for updating the NCIRP and incorporating stakeholder input. This second issue of “New and Noteworthy” summarizes recent engagement and outreach activities, provides an update on the status of the current NCIRP 2024 draft, and contains information about the upcoming public comment period.

**Join the NCIRP virtual listening session on Thursday, June 27, 2024, from 1-2 pm EST. If you are interested in attending, please pre-register here:**

Attendee registration link:

<https://cisa.webex.com/weblink/register/r9d7d76a2172c4c2948186580e8ac0a79>

## Learn About NCIRP on CISA.gov

CISA recently launched an updated version of the [NCIRP webpage](#) to serve as a one-stop shop for the most up to date information on NCIRP 2024 development, as well as opportunities for stakeholders to provide feedback. Check this page frequently for updates.

## Moving Toward Public Comment on the NCIRP 2024

The Core Planning Team (CPT) is moving forward on finalizing the current draft of the NCIRP 2024. The CPT is incorporating public and private stakeholder feedback gathered through numerous working sessions held over the last six months. Since the [last issue of New and Noteworthy](#), the CPT has reviewed two drafts of the NCIRP 2024 to prepare a version for public comment and to validate that the concepts discussed are accurately reflected in the plan. A draft of the NCIRP 2024 will be posted to CISA’s NCIRP webpage for public comment this summer. During the public comment period, CISA invites stakeholders from across public and private sectors, academia, individual researchers, and experts in cybersecurity to share their perspectives, inform our findings, and contribute to updating the NCIRP 2024. Further information about the public comment process and how stakeholders can provide feedback will be posted to the NCIRP webpage. CISA will review all comments and feedback; however, due to the volume of comments and feedback expected, we may not be able to provide replies to specific comments. Check the [NCIRP webpage](#) frequently for opportunities to engage on NCIRP and for updates on the public comment period.

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## Virtual Public Listening Sessions

On May 8, 2024, CISA held the first of three NCIRP virtual public listening sessions. The session gave Joint Cyber Defense Collaborative participants and stakeholders from across the critical infrastructure community the opportunity to reflect on adoption and use of the current NCIRP and to relate experiences coordinating with the federal government during a significant cyber incident. The listening session attracted a diverse audience, allowing us to draw inputs from industry, state and local governments, federal agencies, and international and educational entities.

During this session, CISA provided an overview of the NCIRP and outlined the process for updating the 2024 Plan. The CISA NCIRP team addressed the following from stakeholders:

- **The role of Information Sharing and Analysis Centers (ISACs):** Given their insight into incidents, several ISACs are participating in the NCIRP CPT to ensure the updated plan accurately captures their valuable role in incident response coordination.
- **The integration of state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) entities into cyber incident response:** Participants highlighted the importance of integrating SLTT organizations into cyber response. The NCIRP CPT includes SLTT entities and organizations for the purposes of feedback and direct input, and the draft NCIRP 2024 outlines a path to continue integrating SLTT organizations into the incident response coordination process.
- **The role of state fusion centers in the information sharing process:** Participants raised the question of the role of state fusion centers in the information sharing ecosystem. The proposed NCIRP 2024 draft continues to recognize the role of fusion centers.
- **Federal contacts:** The current NCIRP does not describe who an asset owner could contact during a significant cyber incident. The updated draft will provide guidance on appropriate agencies an asset owner could contact during a significant cyber incident.

CISA is grateful to the participants who attended the virtual public listening session and will consider their comments during the update process. CISA looks forward to hosting two additional virtual sessions scheduled for June 27 (registration link above) and August 1. Additionally, registration information will be published on the CISA NCIRP website in advance of these sessions.

## Engagement and Outreach

The NCIRP 2024 CPT is comprised of 150 participants representing 32 distinct federal department and agency components, three SLTT entities, and 25 private sector organizations and has convened on a bi-weekly basis for a total of nine meetings to date. The goal of the CPT meetings is to ensure the NCIRP 2024 incorporates feedback from relevant stakeholders based on lessons learned since the 2016 release.

On May 22, 2024, the NCIRP CPT met for the ninth time to discuss outcomes from the first public listening session, validate the accuracy of detection and response activities as described in the updated draft, and provide a preview of activities related to the upcoming public comment period.

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In addition to CPT meetings, CISA has solicited feedback and input from a wide range of stakeholders from the federal interagency, private sector, and SLTT communities through written feedback, one-on-one discussion sessions, informational listening sessions, and drop-in office hours. As of May 29, 2024, CISA has reached over 1,000 stakeholders through more than 113 distinct engagements. CISA plans to continue outreach through the public comment process, virtual listening sessions, and additional one-on-one and stakeholder-specific engagements as CISA prepares for a final release of the 2024 NCIRP this fall. Please direct inquiries and feedback to [ncirp@cisa.dhs.gov](mailto:ncirp@cisa.dhs.gov).

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