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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Activities: CIPAC facilitates interaction between government officials and representatives of the community of owners and/or operators for each of the critical infrastructure or key resource (CIKR) sectors defined by Homeland Security Presidential Directive 7 (HSPD-7) and identified in the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP). The scope of activities covered by CIPAC includes planning; coordinating among government and CIKR owner/operator security partners; implementing security program initiatives; conducting operational activities related to critical infrastructure protection security measures, incident response, recovery, infrastructure resilience, reconstituting CIKR assets and systems for both man-made as well as naturally occurring events; and sharing threat, vulnerability, risk mitigation, and infrastructure continuity information and best practices.

Organizational Structure: CIPAC members are organized into the seventeen HSPD-7 critical infrastructure and/or key resource sectors. Additionally, on March 3, 2008, pursuant to authority defined by HSPD-7 which directs DHS to "evaluate the need for and coordinate the coverage of additional critical infrastructure and key resources categories over time, as appropriate," and, section 201(d)(5) of the Homeland Security Act [6 U.S.C 121(d)(5)], which directs the Secretary of Homeland Security "to develop a comprehensive national plan for securing the key resources and critical infrastructure of the United States," the Secretary of Homeland Security recognized an additional sector; the Critical Manufacturing sector.

Within all of the sectors containing private sector CIKR owners/operators there generally exists a Sector

Coordinating Council (SCC) that includes CIKR owners and/or operators or their representative trade associations. Each of the sectors also has a Government Coordinating Council (GCC) whose membership includes a lead Federal agency that is defined as the Sector Specific Agency (SSA), and all of the relevant Federal, State, local, Tribal, and/or Territorial government agencies (or their representative bodies) whose mission interests also involve the scope of the CIPAC activities for that particular sector.

Membership: CIPAC Membership includes (i) CIKR owner and/or operator members of an SCC; (ii) trade association members representing the interests of CIKR owners and/or operators that own and invest in infrastructure assets or in the systems and processes to secure them, or representing CIKR owners and/or operators whom are held responsible by the public for CIKR operations and the response and recovery when their CIKR assets and systems are disrupted who are members of an SCC; (iii) each sector's Government Coordinating Council (GCC); and, based upon DHS' recent establishment of this council; (iv) State, local, Tribal, and Territorial governmental officials comprising the DHS State, Local, Tribal, Territorial GCC.

Notice of CIPAC Renewal: On March 20, 2008 the Secretary of Homeland Security extended CIPAC for a period of two years. The current CIPAC Charter reflecting the Secretary's action is available on the CIPAC Web site. The CIPAC Charter also reflects the Secretary's designation of the Critical Manufacturing Sector as the newest addition to the CIKR Sector Partnership in the NIPP partnership framework.

CIPAC Membership Roster and Council Information: The current roster of CIPAC membership is published on the CIPAC Web site (<http://www.dhs.gov/cipac>). That Web site is updated as the CIPAC membership changes. Members of the public may visit the CIPAC Web site at any time to obtain information on CIPAC membership as well as a record of CIPAC meetings and events.

Dated: April 11, 2008.

Nancy Wong,

Designated Federal Officer for the CIPAC.
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS-2008-0038]

Designation of the National Infrastructure Protection Plan Critical Manufacturing Sector

AGENCY: National Protection and Programs Directorate, DHS.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has designated Critical Manufacturing as an additional critical infrastructure sector under the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) and, as part of a comprehensive national review process, solicits public comment on the actions necessary to incorporate this sector into the NIPP framework.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 10, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be identified by docket number DHS-2008-0038 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail:* Nipp@dhs.gov. Include the docket number in the subject line of the message.
- *Facsimile:* 703-235-3057.
- *Mail:* R. James Caverly, NPPD/IP/POD; Mail Stop 8530, Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, SW., Washington, DC 20528-8530.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: R. James Caverly, Director, Partnership and Outreach Division, Office of Infrastructure Protection, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528, 703-235-3634 or NIPP@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

DHS invites interested persons to participate in the issues presented in this notice by submitting written data, views, or arguments. Comments that will provide the most assistance to DHS in developing these procedures will reference specific aspects of this notice, explain the reason for any recommended changes necessary to implement the Critical Manufacturing Sector, and include data, information, or authority that supports such recommended change. DHS invites comment on the proposed amendments to the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP), the organization of the Government Coordinating Council

(GCC), and designation of a Federal agency Sector Specific Agency (SSA).

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this action. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may submit your comments and material by one of the methods specified in the **ADDRESSES** section. Please submit your comments and material by only one means to avoid the adjudication of duplicate submissions. If you submit comments by mail, your submission should be an unbound document and no larger than 8.5 by 11 inches to enable copying and electronic document management. If you want DHS to acknowledge receipt of comments by mail, include with your comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard that includes the docket number for this action. We will date your postcard and return it to you via regular mail.

Docket: Background documents and comments received can be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

II. Background

Homeland Security Presidential Directive 7 (HSPD-7) identifies 17 sectors of critical infrastructure and key resources vital to the United States. The President designated these sectors as critical infrastructure and key resources based on the potential national impact of a terrorist attack on infrastructure functions, resources, and systems within these sectors. HSPD-7 identifies characteristics of Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources (CIKR) and establishes the policy to identify CIKR and protect them against terrorist acts that could:

1. Cause catastrophic health effects or mass casualties,
2. Impair Federal departments and agencies' abilities to perform essential missions or to ensure the public's health and safety,
3. Undermine State and local government capacities to maintain order and to deliver minimum essential public services,
4. Damage the private sectors' capability to ensure the orderly

functioning of the economy and delivery of essential services,

5. Have a negative effect on the economy through the cascading disruption of other critical infrastructure and key resources, or
6. Undermine the public's morale and confidence in our national economic and political institutions.

DHS announced the establishment of the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council (CIPAC) by notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 24, 2006. *See* 71 FR 14930. CIPAC facilitates interaction between government officials and representatives of the community of owners and/or operators for each of the CIKR sectors defined by HSPD-7 and identified in the NIPP. The NIPP is the National policy framework that provides a coordinated approach to CIKR protection roles and responsibilities for federal, state, local, tribal, and private sector security partners. The NIPP sets national priorities, goals, and requirements for effective distribution of funding and resources that will help ensure that our government, economy, and public services continue in the event of a terrorist attack or other disaster.

III. Creation of the Critical Manufacturing Sector

In addition to outlining CIKR characteristics and identifying 17 CIKR sectors, HSPD-7 also directs DHS to "evaluate the need for and coordinate the coverage of additional critical infrastructure and key resources categories over time, as appropriate." This authority is further provided in section 201(d)(5) of the Homeland Security Act [6 U.S.C 121(d)(5)], which directs the Secretary of Homeland Security "to develop a comprehensive national plan for securing the key resources and critical infrastructure of the United States." Consistent with this authority and based on an evaluation of CIKR protection summarized below, on March 3, 2008 DHS designated Critical Manufacturing as an additional sector under the NIPP.

Today's manufacturing environment is integrated into complex, interdependent supply chains. Failure in any part of a supply chain can ripple

through manufacturing systems, causing cascading economic impacts. Supply chains have been optimized for productivity and efficiency as opposed to redundancy, making them sensitive to disruption. Manufacturers rely heavily on information and communications systems, the interruption of which could degrade, damage, or shut down supply chain operations. Also, domestic manufacturers are increasingly reliant upon foreign sources of supply, energy, and on transcontinental transportation systems.

The composition of the Critical Manufacturing Sector attempts to address the sensitivity of individual manufacturing systems and the role of the manufacturing industry in cross-sector operations. The Critical Manufacturing Sector is comprised of the manufacturing industry systems and operations whose failure or disruption could cause one or more of the following:

1. A large number of fatalities,
 2. Significant first year national economic impact,
 3. Mass evacuations with prolonged absences of six or more months, or
 4. A loss of governance or mission execution that disrupts multiple regions or critical infrastructure sectors for more than one week resulting in loss of necessary services to the public.
- Because of the importance of the manufacturing industry in sustaining cross-sector interdependencies, the Critical Manufacturing Sector also includes systems and operations that, if attacked or disrupted, would cause major interruptions to the essential functions of one or more other CIKR sectors and result in national-level impacts.

Using all of the criteria above, DHS conducted a study of the manufacturing sector and identified four broad manufacturing industries which together meet the DHS definition of a CIKR sector and which will serve as the core of the new Critical Manufacturing sector. These industries, in part or in whole, are not adequately represented by the 17 existing CIKR sectors. The following industry systems now form the Critical Manufacturing Sector:

Manufacturing industry	Element
1. Primary Metal Manufacturing	• Iron and Steel Mills and Ferro Alloy Manufacturing. • Alumina and Aluminum Production and Processing. • Nonferrous Metal (except Aluminum) Production and Processing. • Engine, Turbine, and Power Transmission Equipment Manufacturing. • Electrical Equipment Manufacturing.
2. Machinery Manufacturing	
3. Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component Manufacturing.	
4. Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	• Motor Vehicle Manufacturing. • Aerospace Product and Parts Manufacturing.

Manufacturing industry	Element
	• Railroad Rolling Stock Manufacturing. • Other Transportation Equipment Manufacturing.

IV. Incorporation of the Critical Manufacturing Sector Into the NIPP Framework

The NIPP framework includes a SCC within all of the sectors containing private sector CIKR owners and/or operators. The SCC includes CIKR owners and/or operators and private industry trade associations representative of CIKR owners and/or operators. By policy, SCCs are self-created and self-led entities, and DHS encourages public engagement in the development of the Critical Manufacturing SCC. Each of the sectors also has a GCC whose membership includes a lead Federal agency that is defined as the SSA, and all of the relevant Federal, State, local, Tribal, and Territorial government agencies (or their representative trade associations) whose mission interests also involve the scope of the NIPP activities for that particular sector. As directed and authorized by section 4.1.1 of the NIPP (National-Level Coordination), the Assistant Secretary, Office of Infrastructure Protection will assume interim leadership in supporting the development of an SCC and coordinating the development of a GCC, and identify an SSA to meet the requirements of HSPD-7 and the NIPP.

At the conclusion of the above process, the Secretary will identify the GCC government agency membership and designate a Federal agency as the SSA. The SSA, SCC, and GCC will thereafter comprise the Critical Manufacturing Sector and continue to organize and coordinate in order to accommodate the intent of the NIPP and full integration into the CIKR Sector Partnership.

As the NIPP is the primary mechanism for coordinating the coverage of CIKR sectors and their constituent systems and assets, DHS will revise its contents to include the Critical Manufacturing CIKR sector. As part of a comprehensive national review, DHS seeks comments on changes to the NIPP to reflect the addition of the Critical Manufacturing sector. These changes will include adding the Critical Manufacturing sector and its SSA to those sections of the NIPP where sectors and their SSAs are listed, referenced, or described. DHS will also amend the last sentence of the definition of "Sector" in the Glossary to read, "The NIPP addresses the 17 CIKR sectors enumerated in HSPD-7 and any

additional sectors created by the Secretary of Homeland Security pursuant to HSPD-7."

For purposes of review, the NIPP can be found at <http://www.dhs.gov/nipp>.

Robert B. Stephan,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Infrastructure Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

National Communications System

[Docket No. NCS-2008-0001]

National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee

AGENCY: National Communications System, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of Time Change in Open Session.

SUMMARY: The President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC) will meet in a partially closed session.

DATE: Thursday, May 1, 2008, from 2:30 p.m. until 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 1615 H St., NW., Washington, DC. If you desire meeting materials, contact Ms. Sue Daage at (703) 235-5526 or by e-mail at sue.daage@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information published in the **Federal Register**, Volume 73, No. 67, Monday, April 7, 2008, p. 18804, remains the same except for a change in the time of the NSTAC Open Session, which will now begin at 2:30 p.m. and end at 3:35 p.m.

Between 2:30 p.m. and 3:35 p.m., the NSTAC will receive government stakeholder feedback, and discuss ongoing NSTAC work on research and development, and outreach. This portion of the meeting will be open to the public. Accordingly, the time of the Closed Session is now 3:35 p.m.-5 p.m.

Lawrence Hale,

Acting Director, National Communications System.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: File No. OMB-25, Special Immigrant Visas for Fourth Preference Employment-Based Broadcasters; OMB Control No. 1615-0064.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until June 30, 2008.

Written comments and suggestions regarding items contained in this notice, and especially with regard to the estimated public burden and associated response time should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), USCIS, Chief, Regulatory Management Division, Clearance Office, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Suite 3008, Washington, DC 20529. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via facsimile to 202-272-8352, or via e-mail at rfs.regs@dhs.gov. When submitting comments by e-mail please add the OMB Control Number 1615-0064 in the subject box.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;