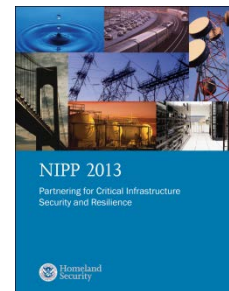# Homeland Security

# 2015 Sector-Specific Plans

The 2015 Sector-Specific Plans (SSP) guide and integrate not only the sectors' efforts to secure and strengthen the resilience of the respective sector, but also the sectors' contributions to national critical infrastructure security and resilience as set forth in Presidential Policy Directive 21 (PPD-21).

## Sector-Specific Plan Overview

SSPs are developed for each of the 16 critical infrastructure sectors identified in the *National Infrastructure Protection Plan 2013: Partnering for Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience* (NIPP 2013) and for the State, local, tribal, and territorial government community. As an Annex to the NIPP 2013, each SSP tailors national strategic guidance to the unique operating conditions and risk landscape of its respective sector and sets the strategic direction for voluntary, collaborative efforts to improve security and resilience over the next four years. Representing key aspects of national economic and physical security, these sectors include services such as transportation, communications, energy, water, food and agriculture, chemical, financial, healthcare, and other essential services that sustain the Nation's economic vitality and standard of living.



**NIPP 2013 and the Sector-Specific Plans (DHS Images)**

## What's New in the 2015 Sector-Specific Plans?

Updates in the 2015 SSPs include addressing the nexus between cyber and physical security, interdependence between various critical infrastructure sectors, risks associated with climate change, aging and outdated infrastructure, the need to ensure continuity in a workforce that is rapidly approaching retirement, and more.

## How to Use the Sector-Specific Plans

Industry, business, and government partners can use the SSPs to develop individual paths forward as they address security challenges and build resilience within their own unique risk management perspectives, priorities, and resources. The SSPs also includes metrics that partners can use to measure their progress as they enhance the security and resilience of their facilities, systems, and services.

## For More Information

To read the SSPs, visit http://www.dhs.gov/2015-sector-specific-plans.

To read the NIPP, visit http://www.dhs.gov/national-infrastructure-plan.

For more information on any of the 16 sectors, visit http://www.dhs.gov/critical-infrastructure-sectors.