

To: Public Water and Wastewater Officials (TANS list)

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Under the National Infrastructure Protection Plan, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Homeland Infrastructure Threat and Risk Analysis Center (HITRAC) has the responsibility to produce assessments that support strategic planning by critical infrastructure owners and operators to enhance the protection and preparedness of all the nation's critical infrastructure and key resources (CI/KR). HITRAC analyzes information about terrorist objectives and attack capabilities and compares this analysis against vulnerability and consequence assessments to assess the potential terrorist attack profiles that may be used against each CI/KR sector. This provides a well-informed estimate of the potential threat and is used as a supplement to specific intelligence and warnings regarding particular targets, attack vectors, or timing.

This joint strategic sector assessment, prepared in coordination with the FBI and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), provides an overall assessment of the potential terrorist threats posed to the nation's drinking water and wastewater systems. The purpose of this product is to raise the general awareness of DHS' security partners and to support detailed, sector level security planning.

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