

# “Powering Through From Fragile Infrastructures to Community Resilience”

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# “Powering Through”

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The United States is vulnerable to a long-term wide spread electric grid failure

- Weeks
- Months
- Years

Powering Through develops actions for everyone to be prepared for this vulnerability

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# Grid Security Events

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- Accidents
- Insider Threats
- Physical Attacks
- Cyber Attacks\*
- Solar Storms
- Directed Energy Weapons
- High Altitude Electromagnetic Pulse (HEMP)
- Combined-Arms Attacks

**\* FBI Director Wray, DHS Secretary Nielsen and ODNI Director Travers each said a cyber Attack was #1**

# Grid Length of Outage

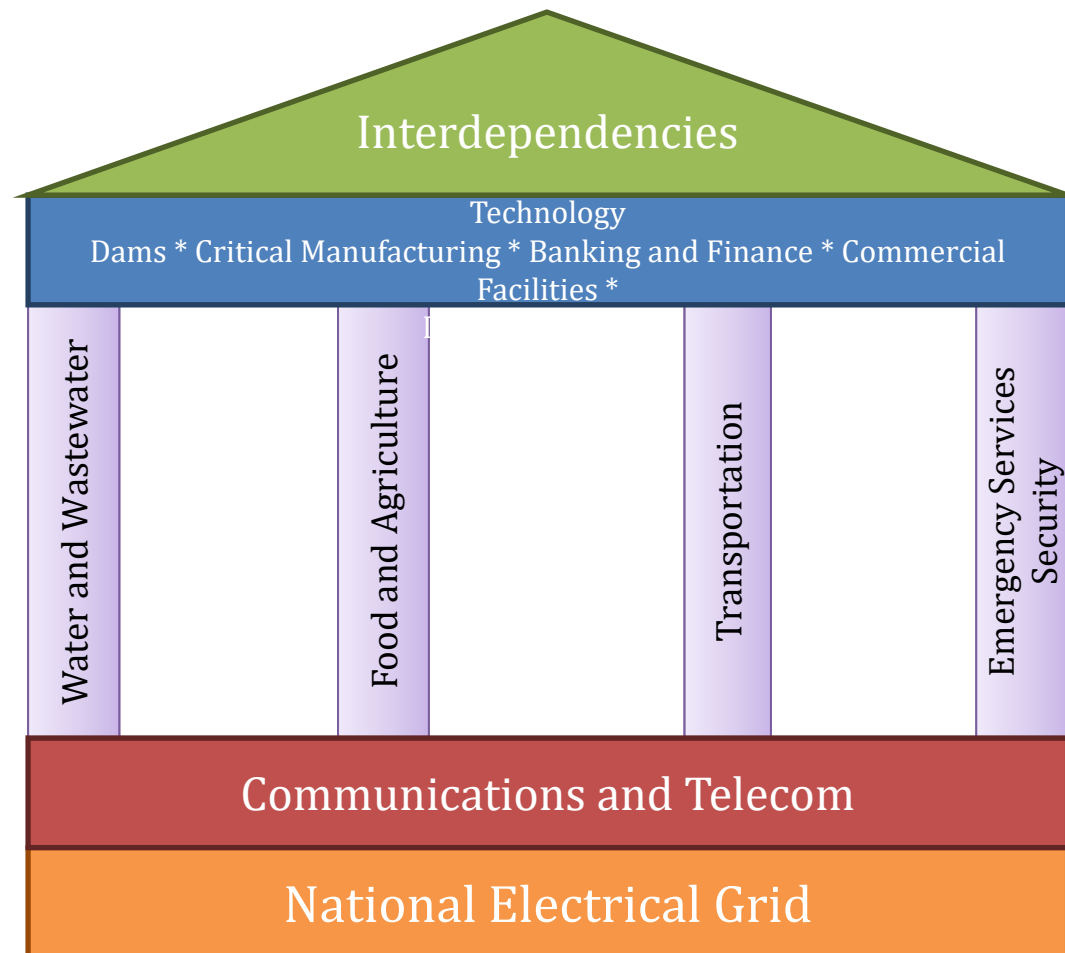
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## How long to replace .....

- Gas pipeline compressors
- Transformers
- Telecom switching
- Cellular base station electronics
- Industrial control systems
- Sensors

# Interdependencies

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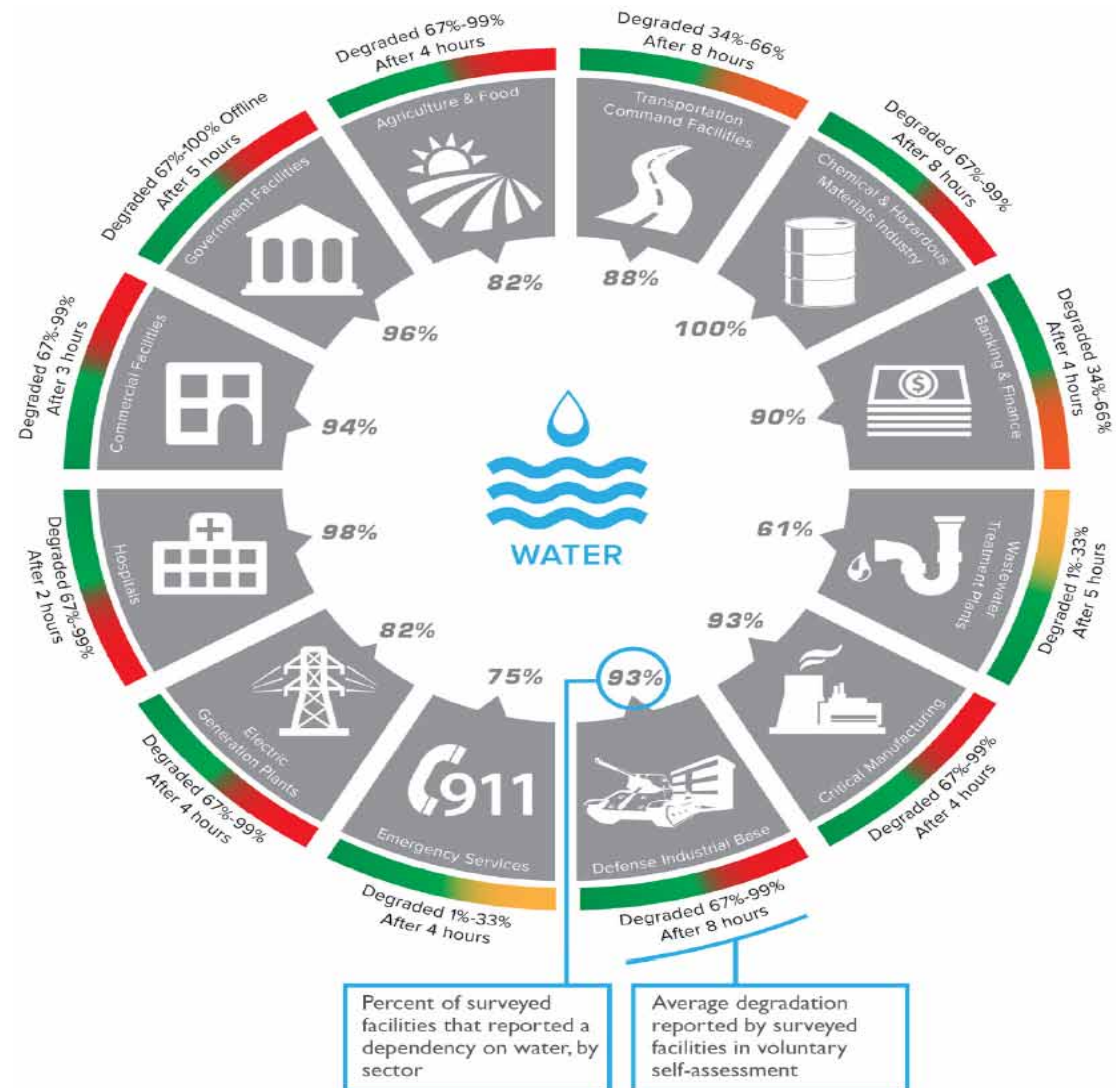


# If NO Electrical Power...Water is an Issue

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## National Infrastructure Advisory Council (NIAC)

- Critical infrastructure dependence on water and potential function degradation following loss of water services
  - *Cascading impacts*
  - *Degradation timeline*



# Powering Through Version 2.0

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- Drawing upon InfraGard's 58,000+ member base with those experts in all the critical infrastructure
- Focus on Critical Infrastructure
  - Interdependencies
- Looked at three questions:
  - What happens if the electric power is out? – considering EMP as the worst case
  - How can that CI help the energy sector get the electric power restored?
  - What can be done now to be more prepared?

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# Why Are We Concerned

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| Equipment at Risk                           | EMP<br>(Nuclear) | Solar<br>Storm | Cyber | Physical<br>Attack | Radio<br>Frequency<br>Weapons | Pandemic | Major<br>Earthquake |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------|---------------------|
| Transformers                                | R                | R              | R- Y  | R                  | R- Y                          | Y        | Y                   |
| Generator Stations                          | R                | G              | R     | R                  | R                             | Y        | Y                   |
| SCADA / Industrial<br>Controls              | R                | R              | R     | R                  | R                             | Y        | Y                   |
| Utility Control Centers                     | R                | R              | R     | R                  | R                             | Y        | Y                   |
| Telecommunications<br>including cell phones | R                | R              | R     | Y                  | Y                             | Y        | Y                   |
| Radio Emergency<br>Communications           | R                | P              | Y     | Y                  | Y                             | Y        | Y                   |
| Emergency SATCOM<br>Communications          | R                | P              | Y     | Y                  | Y                             | Y        | Y                   |
| Internet                                    | R                | R              | R     | Y                  | Y                             | Y        | Y                   |
| GPS                                         | R                | P              | R     | Y                  | Y                             | Y        | Y                   |
| Transportation                              | R                | Y              | Y     | Y                  | Y                             | Y        | Y                   |
| Water                                       | R                | Y              | R-Y   | Y                  | Y                             | Y        | Y                   |
| Financial Services                          | R                | R              | R     | Y                  | Y                             | Y        | Y                   |
| Agriculture                                 | R- Y             | Y              | Y     | Y                  | Y                             | Y        | Y                   |
| Banking and Finance                         | R                | R              | R     | Y                  | Y                             | Y        | Y                   |
| Healthcare                                  | R                | Y              | Y     | Y                  | Y                             | Y        | Y                   |
| Data Centers                                | R                | Y              | Y     | Y                  | Y                             | Y        | Y                   |

**By Dr.  
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**RED** –  
permanent

**YELLOW** –  
cascading

**PINK** –  
temporary

**GRAY** –  
uncertain

# Being Prepared

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- **Local**
  - Educate citizenry on preparedness (30-day survivability)
  - Coordinate with States on local shortfalls
  - Community planning
  - Communication plans
- **State**
  - Incentivize cities – resiliency (food/water/microgrids)
  - Regional planning
  - Plan for National Guard as a State resource
- **Federal**
  - Strategic federal plan
  - Allocation of resource to meet goals
  - National communications plan
  - Prioritization of long-term national recovery efforts

# Critical Infrastructure

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- Energy
  - Hardening the Grid – who pays?
  - Block grants, tax credits for resilience with new builds as the starting point
- Telecom
  - Improve RF shielding for amplification points on fiber optic cables; harden switching centers and cellular base stations; use aerostats and drones, hardening cyber and comms for 5G
- Water & Wastewater
  - Backup generators at more facilities
  - Onsite, hardened microgrids - use risk scenarios to help prioritize resiliency actions

# Critical Infrastructure

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- Food/AG

- Individuals take responsibility for basic food storage
- Communities work together to create sustainable food production
- Partner with public and private sector for sustainable food distribution warehouses

- Transportation

- Components: physical infrastructure (rail, highways, runways, e.g.), control systems, vehicles
- Control systems are the weak link
- High dependence on Communications Sector
- Regional planning crucial for resilient supply chains

# Critical Infrastructure

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- Healthcare & Public Health
  - Exercise using grid down situations to train on how maximize hospital survivability
  - Ensure “crisis standards of care” guidelines
  - Ramp up local hospital contingency planning for both potable and non-potable water supply
- Chemical
  - Plan for alternate power supplies, raw materials storage
  - Work with advisory boards on grid down scenario

# Critical Infrastructure

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## IT Sector

- Industrial Control Systems (ICS)
  - ▣ Eliminate access directly to the ICS
  - ▣ Do not let personal devices have access to the ICS
  - ▣ Avoid using cloud for operational functions
- Data Centers
  - ▣ Require tests that include Cyber and GRID outage planning
  - ▣ Tier1 systems get priority
- Internet of Things (IOT)
  - ▣ Managed security updates for Device Operating Systems or not allowed on network
  - ▣ Forced password change on admin setup
  - ▣ Fail off state for denial of service emergencies

# Critical Infrastructure

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## National Guard

- Coordinate with State for roles and responsibilities
  - Ensure installation resiliency
  - Participate in federal pilot programs
  - Conduct routine communications exercises
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- Emergency Management
    - Develop post messages now with community
    - Local and regional planning

# FEMA National Business Emergency Operations Center

**More than 80% of the energy critical infrastructure is owned by the private sector.**

## **FEMA re-establishing ESF #14 Cross-Sector Coordination**

### NBEOC

- Coordinates with private sector
- Plan with FEMA, DHS and States
- Conduct exercise
- Increase private sector plan integration with State private sector liaisons
- Strengthen Regional and State partnerships

### Public-Private Sector liaisons:

- Provide situational awareness
- Private sector provides information to Business EOCs
- Create Business EOCs at local, State, Regional, and National level.



# What Private Sector Can Do

## **Build Upon Partnership Efforts**

- Become involved in sector-specific and information sharing partnerships (InfraGard, ISACs, ISAOs, state-local coalitions)
- Establish relationships with NBEOC/State EOC, local partners - emergency management
- Participate in training and exercises; attend webinars, conference calls, cross-sector events and listening sessions.

## **Innovate in Managing Risk**

- Incorporate security and resilience into the design and upkeep of critical infrastructure
- Help develop analysis to better understand risks
- Adopt the Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Frameworks thru DHS CISA state Protective Security Advisors (PSA)

## **Focus on Outcomes**

- Identify shared goals, define success and document effective practices.
- Build security and resilience considerations into cost-benefit analysis to understand return on investment
- Business Continuity of Operations - develop, share and incorporate best practices