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MEMORANDUM FOR: State Dam Safety Offices

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SUBJECT: Dams Sector Security Awareness Guide

The Dams Government Coordinating Council, the Dams Sector Coordinating Council, the Dams Sector Specific Agency within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council in collaboration with security partners recently developed the Dams Sector Security Awareness Guide: A Guide for Owners and Operators (Guide). The Guide assists owner/operators in identifying security concerns, coordinating proper responses, and establishing effective partnerships with local law enforcement and first responder communities. In addition, the Guide provides owners and operators with an understanding of the objectives of surveillance and describes the types of activities that could indicate if surveillance is taking place at their facility. Also included in the Guide are suggested criteria regarding the types of incidents that should be reported; guidance on the relevant information to include in reports; and the process for submitting incident reports.

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Attachments: Dams Sector Security Awareness Guide