Regional Directors,

DHS’ recent outreach to state chief election officials to inform them about Russian cyber activity against election infrastructure in 2016 continues to generate significant interest from our stakeholders, who have questions about some of the states that were designated as targeted, our analysis of the malicious activity, the notification process for affected states, and ongoing efforts to work with states to help them protect their election infrastructure in future elections.

As you go about your daily engagements with stakeholders in your regions, you may be asked those questions and more about the DHS role in protecting election infrastructure. The attached External Affairs Guidance provides talking points and a statement that you may find helpful in those situations.

Prior to scheduling any election-related efforts, ensure you coordinate with the Election Task Force (ETF) to ensure you have the most accurate information to pass to the states.

Questions from news media about this issue should be referred to (b) (6) at NPPD External Affairs.

Other questions beyond the scope of this guidance can be sent to:

(b) (6)

Thank you,

(b) (6)

NPPD Election Task Force
From: ElectionTaskForce
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 10:52 AM
To: ElectionTaskForce; (b) (6)

Subject: Election Security Landscape Map

Good morning,

Attachment sent on behalf of (b) (6) for your situational awareness.

Respectfully,

(b) (5)
Stakeholder Engagement and Cyber Infrastructure Resilience Division (SECIR)
Office of Cybersecurity and Communications

Homeland Security
From: ElectionTaskForce
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 10:12 AM
To: Manfra, Jeanette; Krebs, Christopher; Kolasky, Robert
Cc: 

Subject: Election Task Force Minutes
Attachments: Election Task Force Minutes 10112017.docx; Election Task Force Minutes 10122017.docx

Good morning,

On behalf of attached are the Election Task Force minutes for 11-12 October 2017 for your situational awareness.

Respectfully,

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Office of Cybersecurity and Communications

Homeland Security
From: [REDACTED]
To: Krebs, Christopher; Kolasky, Robert
Cc: [REDACTED] (Hess, David)
Subject: RE: Cyber of Voting Machines questions
Date: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 12:03:00 AM
Attachments: 20171107 Steptoe Podcast Talking Points.docx
BM Cyberlaw Podcast Steptoe 110717.doc
PDM16090 Election Infrastructure Cyber Risks Characterization.pdf

Not inclusive of this list, but materials for tomorrow Steptoe event attached. Will work to get this updated info.

Strategic Action Group
National Protection and Programs Directorate
Department of Homeland Security

From: Krebs, Christopher
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 12:00 AM
To: [REDACTED] (Kolasky, Robert)
Cc: [REDACTED] (Hess, David)
Subject: Cyber of Voting Machines questions

Some additional feedback on prep materials. Some I need for tomorrow night’s event.
As referenced below, I’ll wrap this into a two writeup doc when I have more from [b](6) (who is handling a few other things as well). In the meantime, want to make sure you have SA in case this comes up.

From: [b](6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 1:47 PM
To: [b](6)
Subject: RE: HPSCI hearing w/ Jeh Johnson

Pasting our writeup below. We will add this to a short writeup of Jeanette’s hearing (which went REALLY well) for NPPD Leadership.

Hearing Summary: U.S. House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI)
Hearing entitled: Russia Investigative Task Force Hearing with Former Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 1:18 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: HPSCI hearing w/ Jeh Johnson

Forthcoming from NPPD Leg affairs.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 1:15 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: HPSCI hearing w/ Jeh Johnson

The team is putting one together as I write.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 12:53 PM
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Did anyone from NPPD leg affairs attend? COS is looking for a quick readout.

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From: David Weichmann-Moir, Patricia Reich
To:翻录, Review] Threats to the Homeland QFRs - CS&C (DUE 10/26 at NOON)
Date: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 1:52:26 PM
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From:翻录
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 1:25:44 PM
To:翻录
Subject: [HOT ACTION] [FOR OCOS REVIEW] Threats to the Homeland QFRs - CS&C (DUE 10/26 at NOON)

Good afternoon,

Could you please route the attached QFRs to OCOS for review? For the sake of speed we will be handling via email.

Thank you!

Best,

Office of the Executive Secretariat | National Protection and Programs Directorate
Department of Homeland Security

From:翻录
Sent: Friday, October 27, 2017 8:58 AM
To: CS&C EXEC SEC
Cc: NPPDexecSec
Subject: FW: [FOR TIGER TEAM REVIEW] Threats to the Homeland QFRs - CS&C (DUE 10/25 at NOON)

CS&C—
Please see the attached comments and adjudicate as necessary.

Best,

Office of the Executive Secretariat | National Protection and Programs Directorate
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 4:59 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: NPPD-OLA; NPPD-OLA; OGC-IP
Subject: RE: [FOR TIGER TEAM REVIEW] Threats to the Homeland QFRs - CS&C (DUE 10/26 at NOON)

Attached are some additional edits.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 1:58 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: NPPD-OLA; NPPD-OLA; OGC-IP
Subject: RE: [FOR TIGER TEAM REVIEW] Threats to the Homeland QFRs - CS&C (DUE 10/26 at NOON)
Comment in the attached, thanks.

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Cc: NPPD-OLA (b) (6)
Subject: [FOR TIGER TEAM REVIEW] Threats to the Homeland QFRs - CS&C (DUE 10/26 at NOON)
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

Please see attached QFRs drafted by CS&C for the September 27, 2017 Senate hearing, Threats to the Homeland. Please review and provide edits/comments by tomorrow, 10/26 at NOON.

Best,

Office of the Executive Secretariat | National Protection and Programs Directorate
Department of Homeland Security
Chris and Jeanette,

Please find attached the revised Q&A document per discussions yesterday. Chris, I think that you indicated that you would like to use it to punctuate some of the answers. As you take a look, very happy to make any changes or additions in advance of the 3:30 murderboard on Monday.