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| Who: | WaterISAC |
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On behalf of the Water Sector Coordinating Council, the WaterISAC is preparing to launch a second round of sector-specific security metrics later this month. Last year's responses indicated that drinking water and wastewater utilities had made significant progress in many areas of security. To measure additional progress and gain an even better understanding of the sector's overall security posture, the metrics collection effort is being conducted again.

The 2009 metrics survey, set to launch on September 22, will be available online via the WaterISAC public website (<http://www.waterisac.org>). All utilities, regardless of ISAC affiliation, are encouraged to participate in this voluntary effort. The measures consist of a short series of questions expected to take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete. All responses will be 100 percent anonymous; participants will NOT be asked to list utility names or contact information.

These measures, developed by the Water Sector Coordinating Council, in partnership with EPA and the Department of Homeland Security, are an important means to determining the extent to which the sector is progressing in the areas of security, preparedness, and resiliency.

A final report of aggregated sector-wide data will be made available in January 2010. In addition to serving as a benchmarking resource for systems to compare themselves to one another, the report will be used to inform sector security partners regarding the proactive posture of the nation's drinking water and wastewater utilities.

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