



TSA Information Bulletin

What Is The Corporate Security Review (CSR) Program ?

WHAT: The Corporate Security Review Program (CSR) is an “instructive” review that provides TSA with a general understanding of each surface transportation owner/operator’s ability to protect its critical assets. In carrying out CSRs, teams of TSA modal experts conduct site visits of critical bridges, tunnels, subways, pipelines, rails and highway assets throughout the nation.

WHO: The TSA Transportation Sector Network Management (TSNM) surface modes (rail, mass transit, pipeline), including the Highway and Motor Carrier Office, and state and local stakeholders in the Highway industry, including state Departments of Transportation, Trucking companies, Motorcoach companies, and School Bus companies.

WHY: Transportation modes continue to be a target for terrorism and needs mitigation strategies in place to counter this threat. **The CSR program enables TSA to establish national security baselines and supplies the data necessary to comparatively analyze facilities within a particular mode or across modes.** Trend analysis can also be performed with subsequent CSRs, which further increases TSA’s understanding of the rate of improvement of national surface transportation security. Best practices attained from previous CSRs are shared to assist the owner/operator in a consultative manner.

HOW: In carrying out CSRs, teams of TSA program experts conduct site visits of critical bridges, tunnels, subways, pipelines, rails and highway assets throughout the nation. The team analyzes the owner/operator’s security plan and determines the degree to which the mitigation measures included in the plan are being implemented. In addition to reviewing the actual security plan document, the team tours the site and interviews the owner/operator’s security coordinator, employees, and contractors. The owner/operators’ critical asset list is also discussed to obtain an understanding of their “criticality” determination. From the data obtained, the team identifies security “best practices” and deficiencies. Mitigation strategies are tied to any discovered deficiencies and are discussed with corporate officials. The on-site reviews serve to establish baseline data against which to evaluate minimum-security standards and identify coverage gaps. Additionally, CSRs provide TSA with a strategy to encourage surface transportation owner/operators to be diligent in effecting and maintaining security-related improvements.

WHEN: The reviews began in 2003 in the Pipelines mode within the Infrastructure Division (Maritime and Land Security). As of September 13, 2005, over 100 CSRs have been conducted:

- Pipeline Total 48: Top 33 liquid and natural gas transmission, 15 natural gas distribution companies
- Highway Total 65: 36 state DOTs, 3 bridge owner/operators, 10 motorcoach, 7 school bus companies, 9 trucking companies
- Rail Total 13: 6 of the 7 Class 1, 5 commuter rail, 2 shortline/regional railroads.
- Mass Transit Total 11: constitutes about 70% of the total ridership in the U.S.

The goal for FY06 is to complete an additional 25 Highway related CSRs.

WHERE: Generally, reviews are conducted on site at the operator’s and/or asset owner’s corporate facility. Additional reviews of critical assets may occur during the CSR.