



PROTECTED CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION (PCII) PROGRAM

THE PROTECTED CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION (PCII) PROGRAM, CREATED BY CONGRESS UNDER THE CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION (CII) ACT OF 2002 AND IMPLEMENTED IN THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS (6 CFR PART 29), PROTECTS CII VOLUNTARILY SHARED WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR HOMELAND SECURITY PURPOSES. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE NATION'S CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THUS VOLUNTARY COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS IS CRUCIAL IN ITS SECURITY.

PCII PROGRAM PROTECTIONS

Protects PCII from release through:

- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) disclosure requests
- State, Local, Tribal or Territorial (SLTT) disclosure laws
- Use in civil litigation
- Use for regulatory purposes

PCII USES

Supports homeland security and its ability to understand and identify:

- Security risks and threats from physical and cyber-attack
- Vulnerabilities and mitigation strategies during special events
- Critical infrastructure security during planning and emergencies

AUTHORIZED USERS OF PCII

Federal, State, Local, Tribal or Territorial government employees and their designated contracted personnel are authorized access to PCII if they have:

- Completed PCII Authorized User training on the proper handling and safeguarding of PCII
- Homeland security duties and responsibilities
- A valid need-to-know
- Signed a non-disclosure agreement (non-Federal employees only)

SUBMITTERS OF PCII

Examples of organizations who submit CII for PCII protections are:

- Critical infrastructure owners and operators
- State, Local, Tribal or Territorial (SLTT) governments
- Collaborative homeland security working groups

QUALIFICATIONS FOR PCII PROTECTIONS

To qualify for PCII protections, information must be related to the security of the critical infrastructure and a submitter must attest the CII is:

- Voluntarily submitted
- Not customarily found in the public domain
- Not submitted in lieu of compliance with any regulatory requirement

CONTACT INFORMATION

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