

**Lesson 15**  
**Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) I:**  
**Overview of the CIP Challenge**

**Readings:**

1. Sauter and Carafano, Chapter 14: 283-304.
2. [\*National Strategy for the Physical Protection of Critical Infrastructures and Key Assets\*](#), (Washington, D.C.: The White House, February 2003): section entitled "Securing Critical Infrastructures," 35-69.
3. Skim: [\*National Strategy for Homeland Security\*](#) (Washington, D.C.: The White House, July 2002): 29-35.

**Study Questions:**

1. What are the definitions of "critical infrastructure" and "key assets?"
2. What are the various CIP sectors? How are the CIP sectors similar to one another? How do they differ? What are some of the key characteristics of each? What sorts of assets, public and private, does each infrastructure incorporate?
3. How might the sectors' individual characteristics affect the calculations, plans, and actions of terrorists? How might these characteristics impact protective measures? What challenges do these characteristics, and their variety, pose to government agencies and private sector entities?
4. What are the federal government's CIP responsibilities? What are the responsibilities of state and local governments?
5. Which lead federal agencies are responsible for the various CIP sectors?
6. What principles guide federal CIP strategy, and what CIP initiatives are the federal government pursuing?