



Commission Policy

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Policy: All Critical Infrastructure Information released to or accessed by any member of the public or organization, including through District procurement processes or pursuant to public records requests, shall be released or be accessible only to the extent that the release does not jeopardize the safety and security of District facilities, assets, personnel, or the public health and welfare. When processing requests for release of information, pursuant to the Wisconsin Open Records Law, the Records Custodian shall make the required finding to determine whether release of the Critical Infrastructure Information is appropriate after performing the required balancing test.

Critical Infrastructure Information will *only be withheld* from requested public release after the Custodian of Records or his/her designee determines that the possible harm to the public interest outweighs the benefit to the requester and to the public interest of allowing the requested inspection or copying. Further, the District will allow access or grant or deny the request upon such conditions as it determines are necessary to protect the District from security risks or vulnerability to such risks. It is the intent of this Policy that full compliance with Wisconsin Open Records Law will continue to be maintained.

Purpose: This Policy is created to state the Commission's intent to protect from unnecessary release to third parties that Critical Infrastructure Information the release of which may pose a security risk to or create a vulnerability for the District, its employees, or the public health and welfare. The goal of this Policy is to ensure protection of District facilities, assets, personnel, and the public health and welfare, while ensuring compliance with the Wisconsin Open Records Law, Wis. Stats. sec. 19.31, *et seq.* This Policy applies to all activities of the District, including but not limited to formal and informal requests for information from the public, all public procurement practices, and all open data sources, including but not limited to the District websites.

Definitions:

For purposes of this Policy, Critical Infrastructure Information means information concerning plant and building specifications, structure and infrastructure plans, facility locations and specifications, SCADA



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(Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) information, security protocols and measures, GIS facilities mapping, computing network details, computing system security, and includes any and all information regarding District facilities, equipment or facility operating information which may, if released to third parties, pose a security risk or create a vulnerability.

For purposes of this Policy, “security risk” is defined as the potential for an adverse outcome assessed as a function of threats, vulnerabilities, and consequences associated with an incident, event, or occurrence, as determined by its likelihood and the associated consequences. This definition is based on the definition of “risk” by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Risk Steering Committee Risk Lexicon, 2010 Edition.

For purposes of this Policy, “vulnerability” is defined as any characteristic of design, location, security posture, operation, or any combination thereof, that renders an asset, system, network, or the District itself susceptible to disruption, destruction, or exploitation. This definition is based on the definition of “vulnerability” by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Risk Steering Committee Risk Lexicon, 2010 Edition.