

My notes from today's CISA call are as follows.

- CISA is actively scanning the healthcare industry in particular, and all industries in general, for vulnerabilities from "bad actors". For example, it is working closely with HHS to scan for vulnerabilities and providing HHS with mitigation services. CISA has taken down approximately 7,000 COVID-19 related fake domains and it continues to scour the internet for others. Listeners were encouraged to lodge any complaints about suspicious activity at CISA.gov.
- CISA says that businesses should be alerting employees to be aware of potential scams such as phishing emails. Businesses should also update software, VPN's, and remote devices. Again, businesses are encouraged to report incidents to CISA.gov and also to take advantage of its "cyber-hygiene vulnerability scanning" service (not described).
- Version 3.0 of the CISA's "Essential Critical Worker Guidance" is expected by the end of the week.
- The speakers then alluded to issues with Mexico in terms of coordinating commerce-related issues across the border. They indicated that they still intended to have a representative from the State Department speak at the next meeting (someone from State was supposed to speak today but no one from State was on the line). The speakers also indicated that they expected a representative from the US Embassy in Mexico to be available on the next scheduled call.
- FEMA says that it is continuing to surge PPE to healthcare and other industries. FEMA claimed that its actions are guided by data (did not indicate what that data might be). FEMA claimed that it has stood up 41 federal medical sites throughout the country and that it continues its air bridge to get needed supplies to hot spots in consultation with the CDC. The FEMA representative alluded to an ongoing narrative where different callers have provided anecdotes that FEMA is seizing PPE and other necessary supplies. The FEMA rep claimed that FEMA has no knowledge of it seizing any such materials but also said there are "bad actors" out there. (I took this to be a suggestion that he at least believes that people are impersonating FEMA.)
- Question: Can the 3.0 guidance change the term "automotive" to "motorcycle" or "vehicle" to reflect the fact that in some areas motorcycles, ATV's and other similar vehicles are used by emergency services personnel.
 - Answer: Initially the organizers indicated that that change might have to wait to version 4.0 since 3.0 was due tomorrow. But upon the caller indicating that he had previously made that request, the organizers were able to confirm that version 3.0 had in fact been modified to use the term "vehicle" instead of "automotive".
- Question: there was a question about cross-border issues. Basically the question was what activity is FEMA seeing at the borders.
 - The organizers again deferred that conversation for future discussion when the State department representative is on the line.
- Question: A caller said that he was aware of a shipment of hand sanitizer that was on its way from Pennsylvania to NY being seized at a weigh station by persons who represented themselves to be from FEMA.

- The FEMA representative encouraged everyone to file complaints at CISA.gov so that they could follow-up.

Thereafter some technical difficulty occurred such that the organizers and most of the audience could not hear the questions that were being asked. After a few minutes of unsuccessfully trying to resolve this issue, the organizers ended the call.