



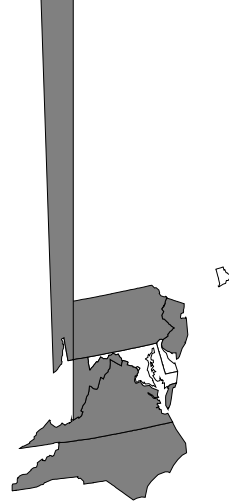
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## **Map 1: Homeland Security Offices**

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### **Councils and Task Forces**

Twenty-one states have organize

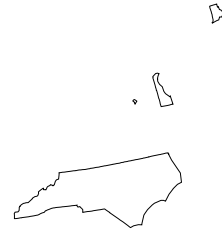


## **Map 2: Councils and Task Forces**

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### **National Homeland Security Policy Program**

Seven states and the US Virgin Islands were selected to join a specially funded project to help standardize homeland security policies in every state in the US. The six states, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Utah, and West Virginia were selected through a competitive application process. Georgia serves as a good example of what the states will be doing. They will have a first draft of an action plan signed by the Governor by spring, followed by 12 months of technical assistance, research and visits from consultants from the National Governor's Association and domestic terrorism experts. Finally, Georgia's policy team will develop and advance a "systematic plan of action to prepare for and respond to a terrorist or bio-terrorist incident" (Georgia Office of Homeland Security 2002).



### **Map 3: National Homeland Security Policy Program**

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#### **Security at Nuclear Power Plants**

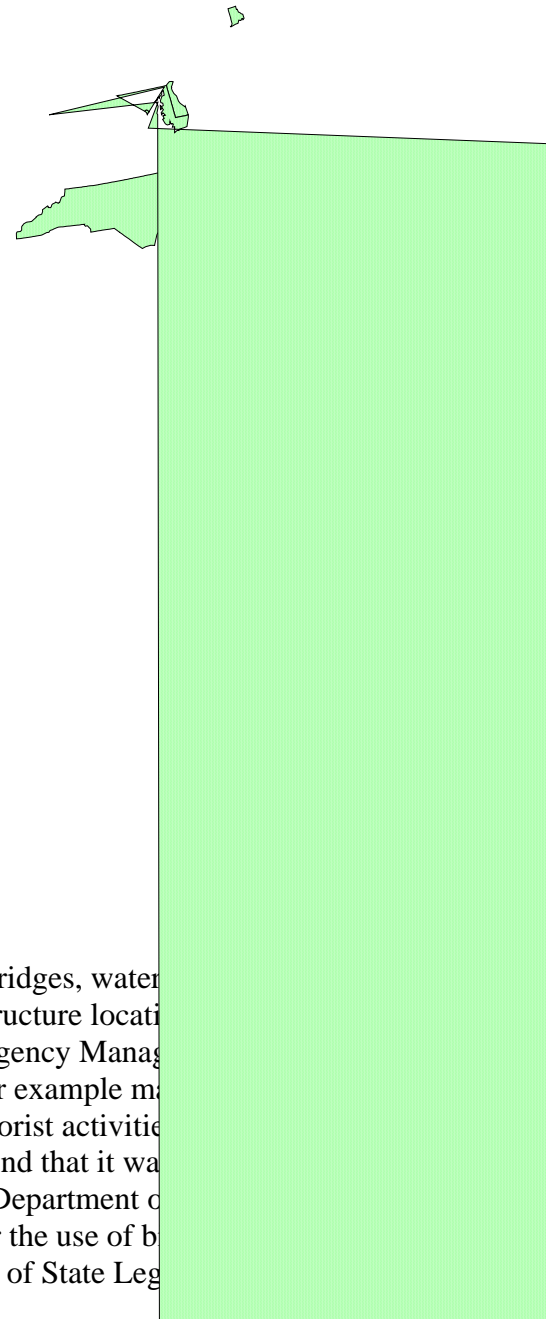
Nuclear Power Plants are clearly a potential target for terrorist attacks, and any successful attempt to do so would have catastrophic consequences. For this reason a number of states have increased the security surrounding them. Connecticut, Massachusetts, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Illinois have all reported that National Guard troops were serving to increase security at nuclear power plants and New Hampshire has said they are planning on doing so (National Emergency Management Association 2001). In Pennsylvania the state continues to assess and improve security at their nuclear power plants (Pennsylvania Office of Homeland Security).

## **Map 4: Security at Nuclear Power Plants**

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**Legislative Activity Rela**

Connecticut, Michigan, Mississippi, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, and Wisconsin (National Emergency Management Association 2001).



## Map 5: Legislative Activity Relating to Hoaxes and Threats

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### Infrastructure Security

Few states have sought to assess and improve security at reservoirs, bridges, water other infrastructure. The National Guard has served at critical infrastructure locations throughout Florida, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania (National Emergency Management Association 2001). Florida's Division of Emergency Management for example made a comprehensive assessment of their ability to mitigate and prevent terrorist activities the destruction or tampering with their infrastructure. Their study found that it was place security at crucial locations to ensure their protection (Florida Department of Enforcement). An initiative was also passed that created penalties for the use of biological poisons to contaminate food and water supplies (National Conference of State Legislatures 2001).

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## Appendix: Table of State Responses to Terrorism

Key: 1: Implemented  
2: Proposed

Source: National Emergency Management Association 2001  
National Emergency Management Association 2002  
**National Governors Association 2002**
