

Register now to join the new InfraGard National Electromagnetic Pulse Special Interest Group (SIG) at this site: <http://empsig.eventbrite.com>. For more information see below:

On September 20, 2011, the InfraGard National Members Alliance (INMA) launched a SIG that focuses on threats that could cause nationwide long-term critical infrastructure collapse. Named the EMP SIG, after electromagnetic pulse, it covers all similarly dangerous hazards such as extreme space weather, coordinated physical attack, cyber attack or pandemics.

InfraGard members are welcome to either apply for the EMP SIG working group, or participate as observers. Either way, please go to <http://empsig.eventbrite.com> to register to join the SIG, provide your contact information, level of participation interest, and information regarding your involvement and expertise in this area.

If you are interested in more information, please visit the current secure InfraGard Homepage to read through pertinent EMP SIG documents posted under "InfraGard Items of Interest." The EMP SIG hopes to foster information-sharing and trusted conversations about these critical issues and recruit nationally recognized experts to serve local InfraGard chapters. There is some video coverage of the first events that the EMP SIG supported which will be made available soon. These events included the space weather and EMP workshops at the National Defense University, the Maryland Emergency Management Agency at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, and the conference at U.S. Capitol Visitors Center on October 3-6, 2011, as well as the Dupont Summit 2011 held at the Carnegie Institution for Science in Washington, DC, on December 2, 2011. From time to time, the EMP SIG will hold either in-person or virtual meetings. As was announced ahead of time, those interested in joining the EMP SIG were able to meet briefly in-person at the end of the Oct 6th and Dec 2nd events. There are likely to be in-person EMP SIG meetings during the spring and summer of 2012 (locations TBD), as well as additional virtual meetings. You will be advised of these meetings via the preferred email address you supply on the EMP SIG registration page.

If you have any substantive questions about the EMP SIG, you may contact the Chair of the InfraGard National EMP SIG, InfraGard member Chuck Manto, at cmanto@stop-EMP.com.