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INDUSTRIAL CONTROL SYSTEMS CYBERSECURITY
SAFEGUARDING CIVILIZATION

FORGING A CYBERSECURITY DEFENSE FOR UTILITIES

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INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES

Focused on processes that impact the real world, using industrial control systems (ICS) and operational technology (OT)

24 x 7 operations

10-30 year lifecycle

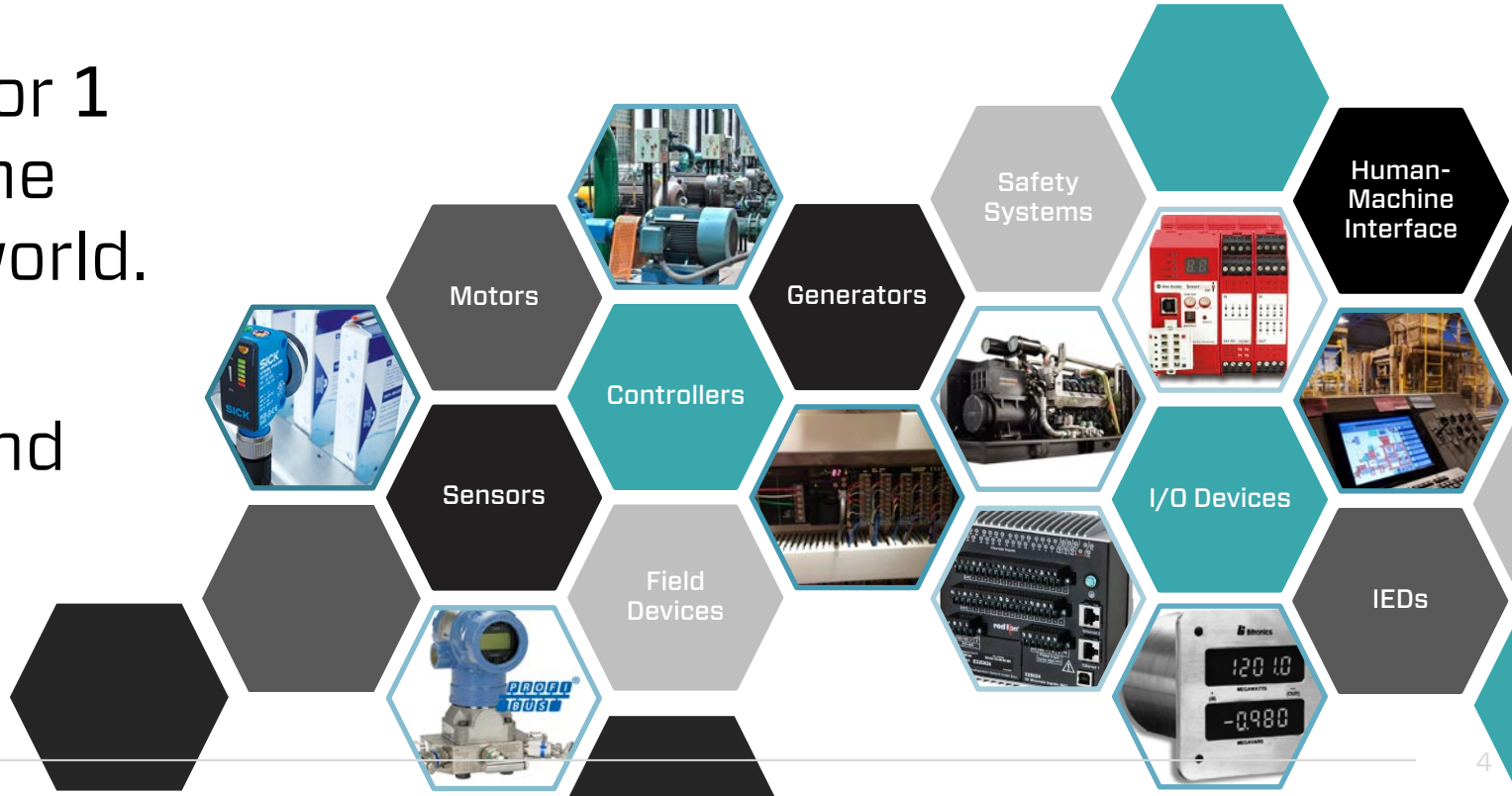
16 critical infrastructure sectors



What are industrial control systems?

When a 0 or 1 impacts the physical world.

Devices and systems include:

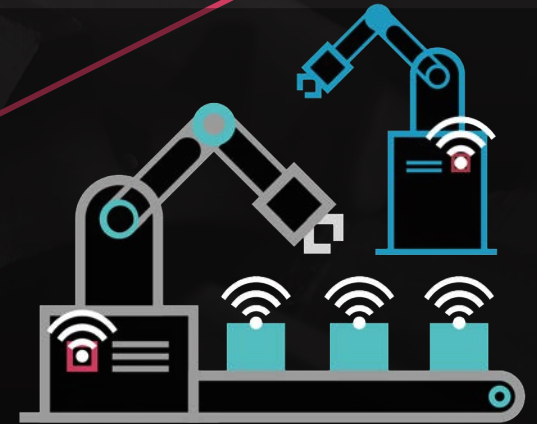
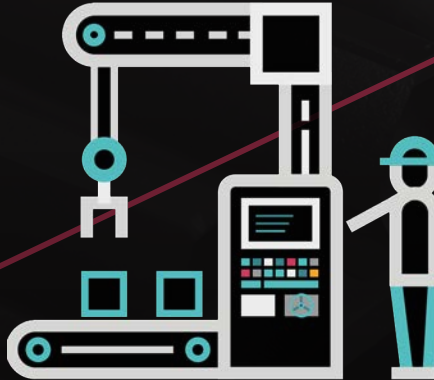
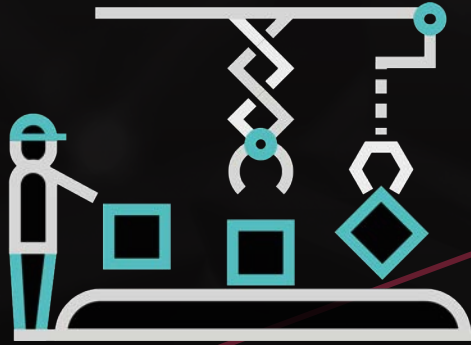


Evolution of Operational Technology (OT)

STAND-ALONE

LOOSELY CONNECTED

HIGHLY CONNECTED



standardization

3rd Industrial Revolution

Automation of Production by Electronics

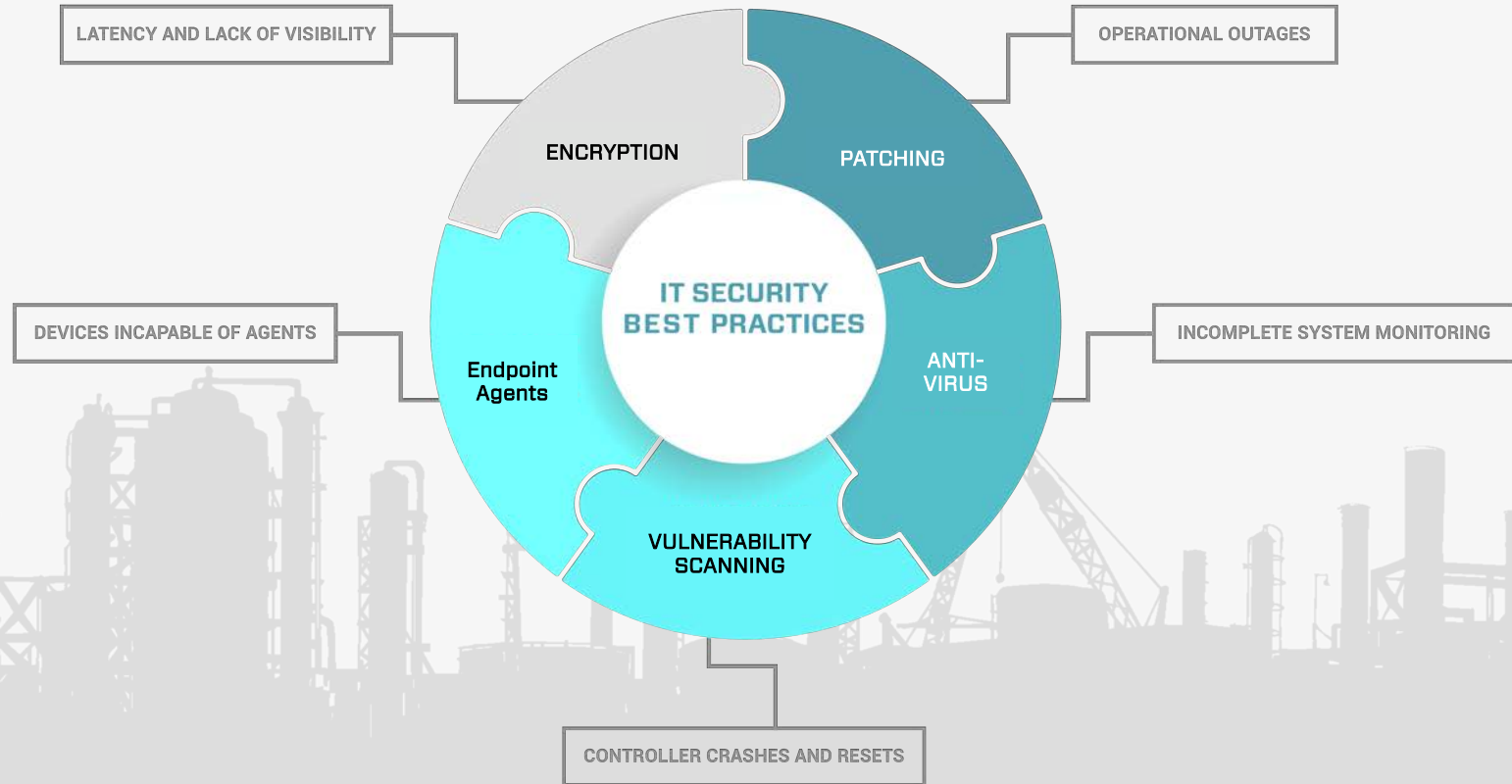
DCS | Distributed Control System

SCADA | Supervisory Control & Data Acquisition

4th Industrial Revolution

Smart Connected Systems
"Industry 4.0" // "Industrial IoT"

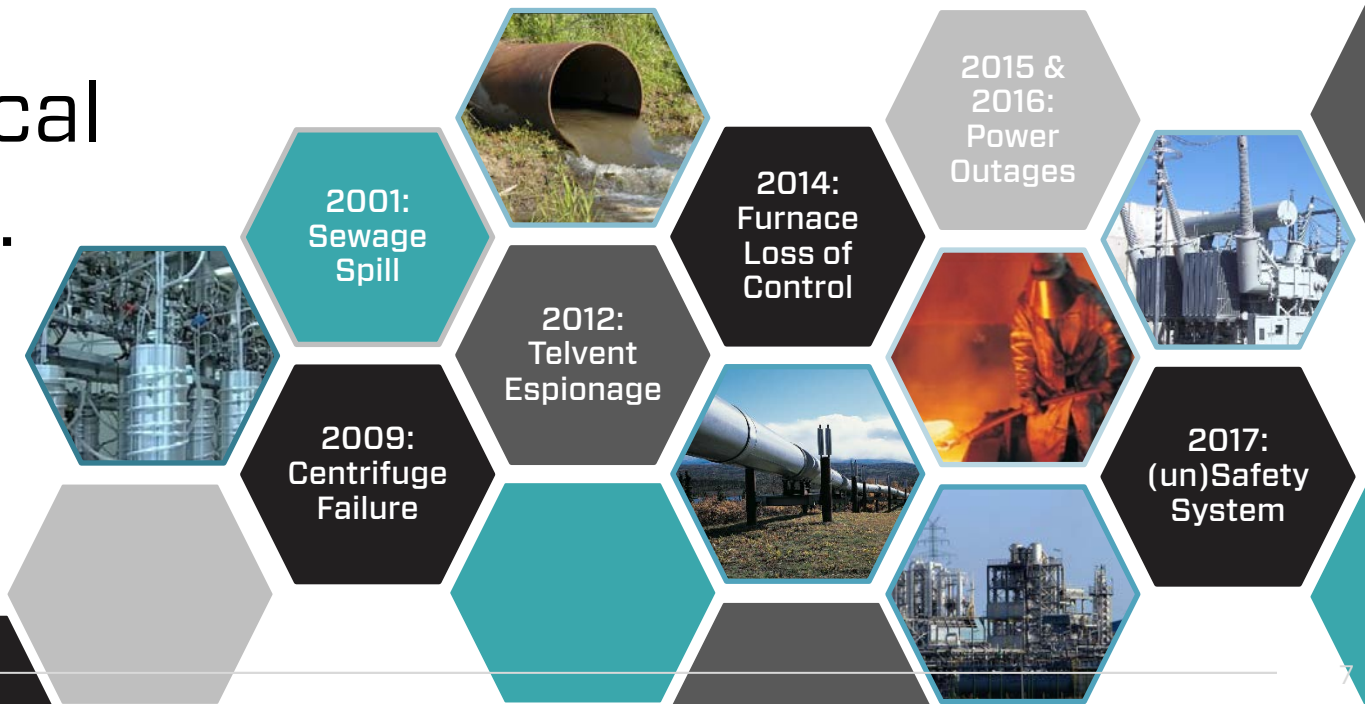
Traditional IT Security Issues in OT



Real-world **cyber-based** industrial-impacts

AGAIN

Think physical processes...





Corporate IT

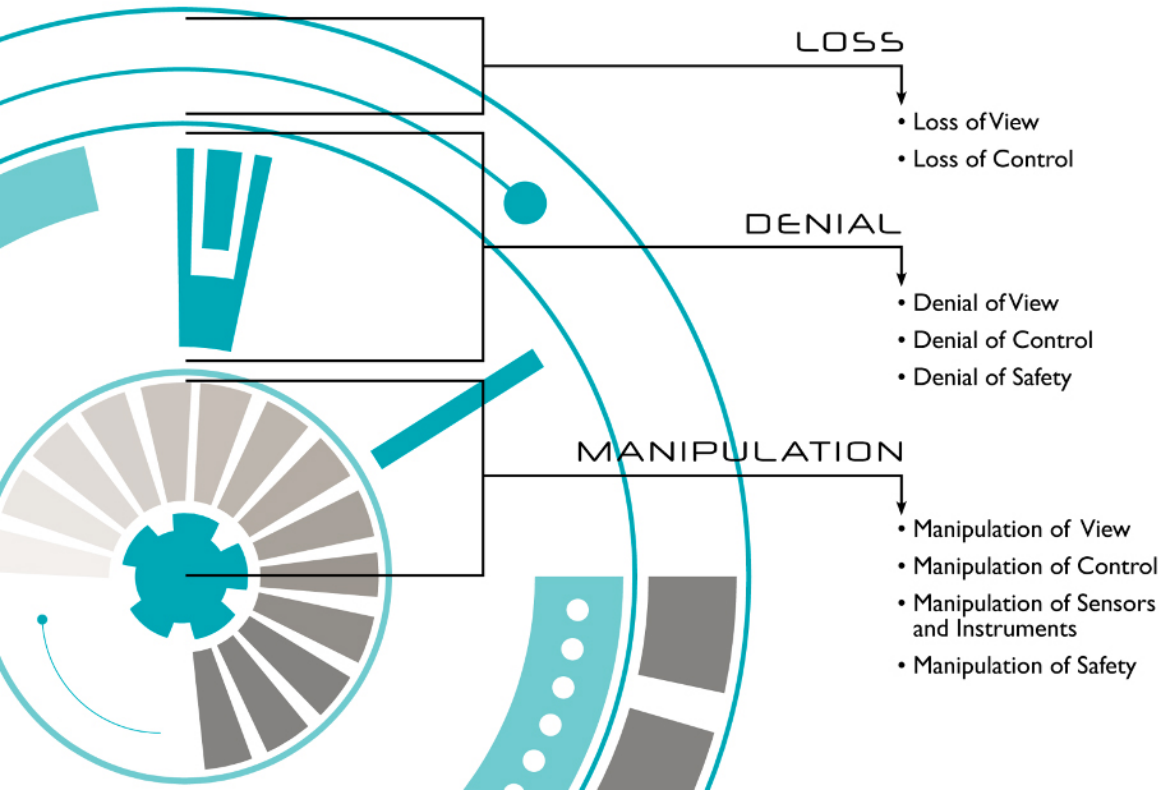
STAGE 1



INDUSTRIAL ATTACKS: IT and OT

Stage 1 and Stage 2 work together to impact industrial processes, stretching across both IT and OT networks

Industrial Process Impacts

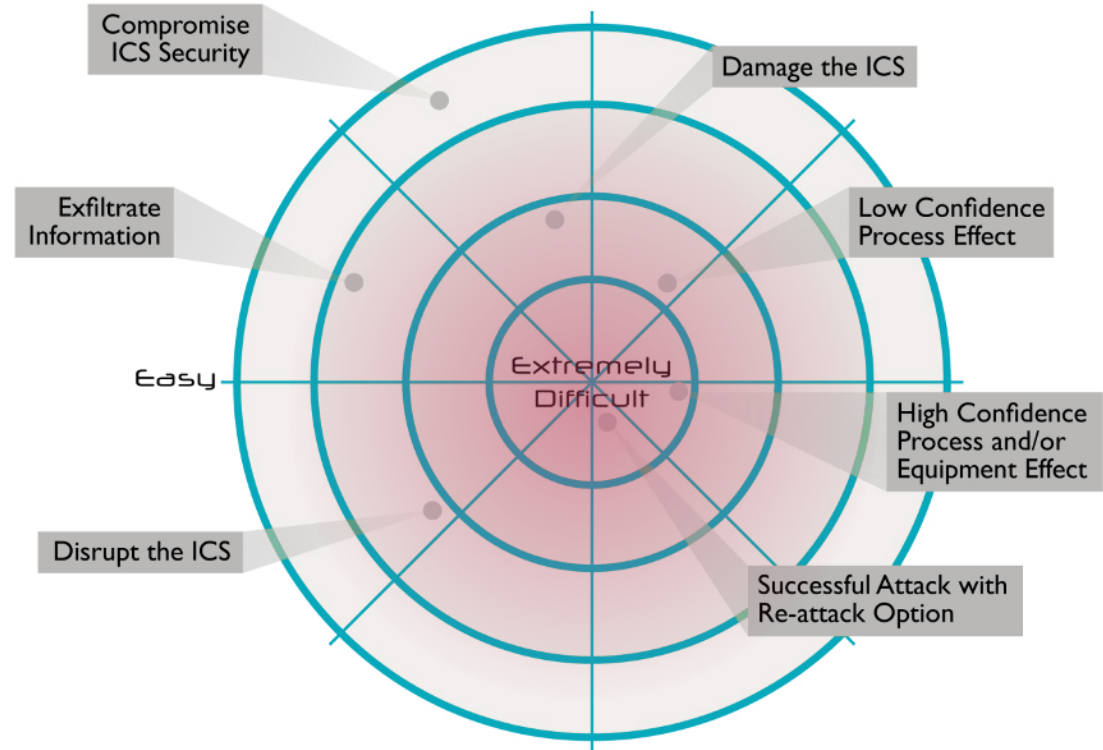


For ICS-specific capabilities, the impact would be focused on *operational* impacts.

ICS Attack Difficulty

The knowledge involved in ICS attacks, with physical impact, includes:

- IT security
- OT security
- OT-specific protocols
- Engineering processes
- Incident response
- Disaster recovery



WannaCry

11:12 AM Eastern

150+
countries

230+
companies



NotPetya... Not Ransomware

“Wiper disguised as ransomware,”
with increased collateral damage
beyond any initial targets.



One Year After NotPetya Cyberattack, Firms Wrestle With Recovery Costs

Fedex says its expenses tied to malware attack was \$400 million over past year, Merck put costs at \$670 million in 2017

By *Kim S. Nash, Sara Castellanos and Adam Janofsky*

Updated June 27, 2018 12:03 pm ET

+\$10B in estimated damages
2M computers impacted in 2HRs
+65 countries involved in response



The ICS Security Crucible

Very high temperatures

These programs need tons of energy to achieve success.



Situation of severe trial

Managing competing interests and resources across operations



Creating something new

A sustainable, business-oriented & goal-busting ICS security program



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noun:

a ceramic or metal container in which metals or other substances may be melted or subjected to very high temperatures.

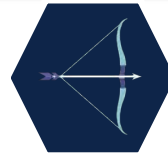
a situation of severe trial, or in which different elements interact, leading to the creation of something new.

Forging an ICS Security Program

Metals



Weapons & Armor



starting with

BRONZE



Initial defenses may be resource-constrained



No documentation, no lessons learned



Loss of "lotto winners" could cripple the program

strengthen using

IRON



Moving beyond "oral history" to written law



Partnered with multiple stakeholders



Resources are less scarce

further refine with

STEEL



People are trained, ready, and exercised



Executives are active participants in ICS security



Capabilities are "double-checked" and reviewed

THE CYBER ARSENAL

The metals describe resources and resilience across your program, whereas the weapons are how utilities can defend themselves from attackers.

Assess criticality

Link ICS security to critical processes, systems, and devices



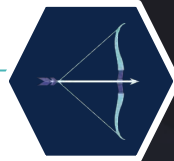
Segments & Zones

Invest in strong perimeters around the crown jewels



Hunt evil...

Log and monitor across both IT & OT environments



Incident Response

Build and train incident response and recovery teams



"Your enemy cares not that the maintainer of an Internet-connected server left 10 years ago."

@SunTzuCyber

What metal is right for your program?

Build organically

- Do you have a champion?
- Can you scale a team?
- Can you *effectively* use your tools?

Assess where you are

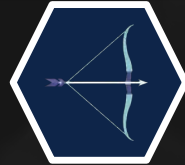
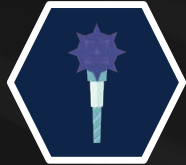
- Be honest. Brutally so.
- Think about processes, people, and technology
- Include discussions about things like “the lotto winner” or executive engagement.

Roadmap where you are headed

- Map back to criticality and impacts.
- Talk in terms of business risk.
- Roadmaps help address current gaps and build budgets.

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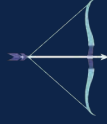
What standard is right for your program?



IDENTIFY



PROTECT



DETECT




RESPOND
RECOVER

HOW...?



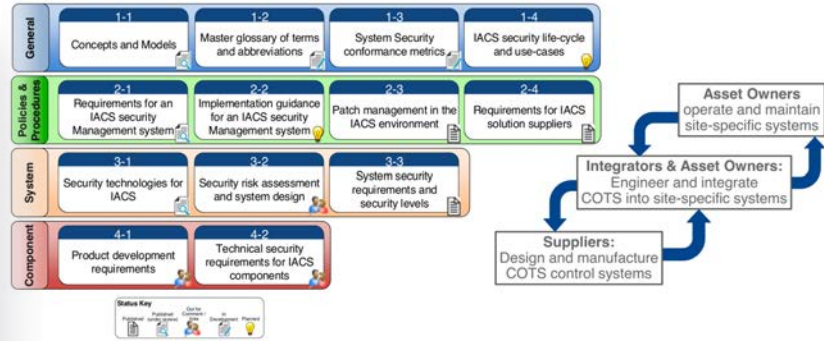
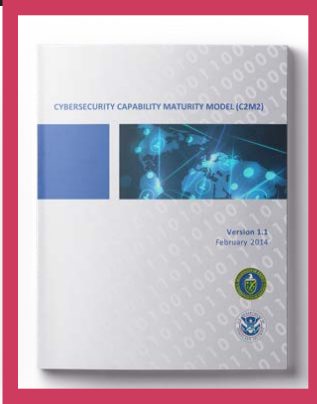
**WE USED A
MATURITY
MODEL**



The ICS Security Crucible is applying standards & maturity models across business units, with executive support.

...so how do we get there?

And start with literally *any* standard



B. Requirements and Measures

RI. Each Responsible Entity shall implement a process that covers the following events for purposes of parts 1.1 through 1.3: [High] Time Horizon: Operations Planning]

- i. Control Centers and backup Control Centers;
- ii. Transmission stations and substations;
- iii. Generation resources;
- iv. Systems and facilities critical to system restoration; Resources and Cranking Paths and initial swatch;
- v. Special Protection Systems that support the real-time Electric System; and
- vi. For Distribution Providers, Protection Systems section 4.2.1 above.

- 1.1. Identify each of the high impact BES Cyber System in Attachment 1, Section 1, if any, at each asset.
- 1.2. Identify each of the medium impact BES Cyber System in Attachment 1, Section 2, if any, at each asset.
- 1.3. Identify each asset that contains a low impact BES Cyber System in Attachment 1, Section 3, if any (BES Cyber Systems is not required).

CIP-002-S.1 - Attachment 1

Impact Rating Criteria

The criteria defined in Attachment 1 do not constitute stand-alone compliance requirements, but are criteria characterizing the level of impact and are referenced by implications.

1. High Impact Rating (H)

Each BES Cyber System used by and located at any of the following:

- 1.1. Each Control Center or backup Control Center used to perform the functional obligations of the Reliability Coordinator.
- 1.2. Each Control Center or backup Control Center used to perform the functional obligations of the Balancing Authority: 1) for generation equal to or greater than an aggregate of 3000 MW in a single interconnection, or 2) for one or more of the assets that meet criterion 2.3, 2.6, or 2.9.
- 1.3. Each Control Center or backup Control Center used to perform the functional obligations of the Transmission Operator for one or more of the assets that meet criterion 2.2, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, or 2.10.
- 1.4. Each Control Center or backup Control Center used to perform the functional obligations of the Generator Operator for one or more of the assets that meet criterion 2.1, 2.3, 2.6, or 2.9.





AWESOME.

SO WE CAN USE
THE RIGHT TOOLS

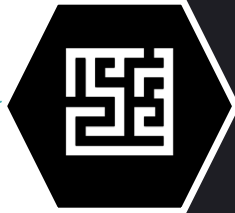
Find (or be) a champion

Management, IT, OT, legal, HR– you are not alone.



Roadmap the destination

Make an honest evaluation of where you are & where you are headed



Adopt ICS standards

ICS security needs to be “how we do business,” not “that weird thing over in the corner.”



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noun:

A plan to create and sustain an ICS security program, with governance and executive support, based on industry-accepted standards.

PREVENTION IS IDEAL.
DETECTION IS A MUST.*



*detection without response, however, is of little value

Dragos' Year in Review provides insights and lessons learned from our team's first-hand experience hunting, combatting, and responding to ICS adversaries throughout the year.



ICS VULNERABILITIES REPORT

Provides an analysis of ICS-specific vulnerabilities and discusses impacts, risks, and mitigation options for defenders



ICS THREAT LANDSCAPE REPORT

Provides insights on the state of ICS cybersecurity, the latest trends and observations of ICS-specific adversaries, and proactive defensive recommendations.



LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE FRONT LINES REPORT

Provides a synopsis of trends observed within the industry and lessons learned from Dragos' proactive and responsive service engagements

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DRAGO 

The word "DRAGO" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. To its right is a stylized teal dragon logo with a circular arrow at its tail.