

Technical Assistance for Securing Digital Energy Infrastructure Webinar

Cyber-Informed Engineering and How to Apply It To Your GRIP Project

Navigating Supply Chain Challenges

Building Resilient Systems for Electric Grid Modernization

The main concern revolves around the availability of US-manufactured products for electric grid modernization and navigating the challenges presented by the geopolitical supply chain landscape.

- How do we drive modernization while appropriately mitigating risk and consequence
- Project design optimization secure supply chain and criticality of the application to your operation is a primary consideration
- Focus areas:
 - Electric Vehicles (EVs) + EV Supply Infrastructure
 - Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) + management systems
 - Inverters
 - Orchestration software (Distributed Energy Resources Management Systems [DERMS]/Advanced Distribution Management Systems [ADMS])
 - Critical-and-Emerging-Technologies-List-2024-Update.pdf (whitehouse.gov)



Launch Plan: How to Evaluate and Protect

(Operate large scale storage and other infrastructure with known higher risk items)



Mitigation menu/strategic training and workshops for consequence based/CIE approach, template & training



Key Injects: Procurement, Contracting, Design, Operations & maintenance



Operate through, maintain the investment, resilience and reliability



Grid Deployment Office (GDO) Technical Assistance Program and INL Team

GDO Technical Assistance

INL Securing
Digital Energy
Infrastructure
Program

Digital Assurance TA



Digital Assurance Technical Assistance

Goals

- Improve resilience and supply chain sustainability in the grid modernization space with enhanced security programs for digital equipment
- Secure digital energy infrastructure by guiding organizations through a tailored analysis, design support and mitigation program
- Respond to rapidly changing regulatory landscape and cutting-edge equipment
- Evaluate supply chain and protection choices against the consequences
- Help entities develop a future sustainable assessment and procurement planning system



Center for Securing the Digital Energy Transition



Emma Stewart Director



Tracy **Briggs** Program Manager



Megan Culler Technical Director for Clean Coordination & Energy Cybersecurity



Jake Gentle Staffing **Cross Division** Manager



Virginia Wright Strategic Advisor & Operations



Wayne Austad Strategic Advisor

https://inl.gov/national-security/csdet/



Types of Technical Assistance we provide

Short Advisory

- Quick questions
- Consultations with SMEs
- Overview of available resources

Expert Match

- Workshops and webinars
- Personalized discussion of application of available resources

Deep Dive

- Address inquiries with length development processes
- Threat hunting
- Equipment evaluation



Short Advisory Technical Assistance

- Who is this for?
 - Organizations with higher cybersecurity maturity
 - Individuals with specific questions
- What is the time commitment?
 - <5 hours of SME time
 - Expected to be performed virtually
 - Setup, execution, and follow up can be completed within 1-2 weeks
- 1. "I have a question"
- 2. Match questions to an INL subject matter expert (SME)
- Schedule a call to discuss.
- 4. After the call, INL will follow up to verify questions have been answered satisfactorily

Virtual SME

 Quick virtual consultations to answer specific questions

Resource Overview

 Call to provide overview of the resources available to support cybersecure BESS deployments

Assessment templates

 Resources provided for do-it-yourself risk mitigation



Expert Match Technical Assistance

Who is this for?

- Teams looking for training to enhance cyber maturity
- Projects in design or contracting phase with a need for dedicated cyber support
- Organizations with inquiries that require increased resources

What is the time commitment?

- 5-10 hours of SME time
- Participating organization may want to involve engineering, operations, and cybersecurity personnel
- Full activity can be completed within 2-6 weeks of initial contact

CIE workshops

 Cyber-informed engineering workshop or webinar

SME Consulting

 Dedicated time from an SME to discuss specific implementation challenges

Design Guidance

 Individual sessions to review BESS design cybersecurity guidance and discuss personalized application

Procurement Guidance

 Individual sessions to review procurement guidance and discuss personalized application



Deep Dive Technical Assistance

Who is this for?

- Organizations just starting to implement cyber policies, practices, and procedures
- Inquiries that require substation resources or lengthy development process
- Applications requiring assistance such as sourcing, assessment of equipment being installed
- Applicants requesting site visits

What is the time commitment?

- 15-40 hours expected, could be split across different roles
- Multiple personnel will be involved (operations, cybersecurity, engineering, networking/IT)
- Full activity may take 4-8 weeks to plan and execute

Cybersecurity Assessments

- Cyber Security Evaluation Tool
- Measure alignment to standards and best practices

Threat Hunt

 Short-term monitoring for anomalous network behaviors

Equipment Physical/Forensic Assessment

- Assessment of field devices
- Requires devices to be shipped to lab

Site Visit for In-Depth Analysis

• OT equipment, processes, procedures

OT Security Training

Tailored to participant needs

Malcolm AIA

- Asset Interaction Analysis
- Automated generation of network diagram based on passive monitoring



Cybersecurity and Operational Technology

What is Cybersecurity?

Cybersecurity is the art of protecting networks, devices, and data from unauthorized access or criminal use and the practice of ensuring confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information.

-- Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)



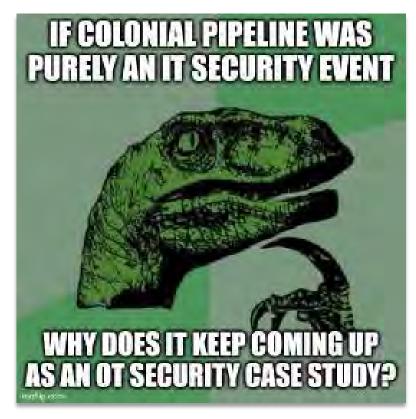
What is Cybersecurity?

Cybersecurity is the art of protecting networks, devices, and data from unauthorized access or criminal use and the practice of ensuring confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information.

-- Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency



Cybersecurity is not just about data



Curtaii

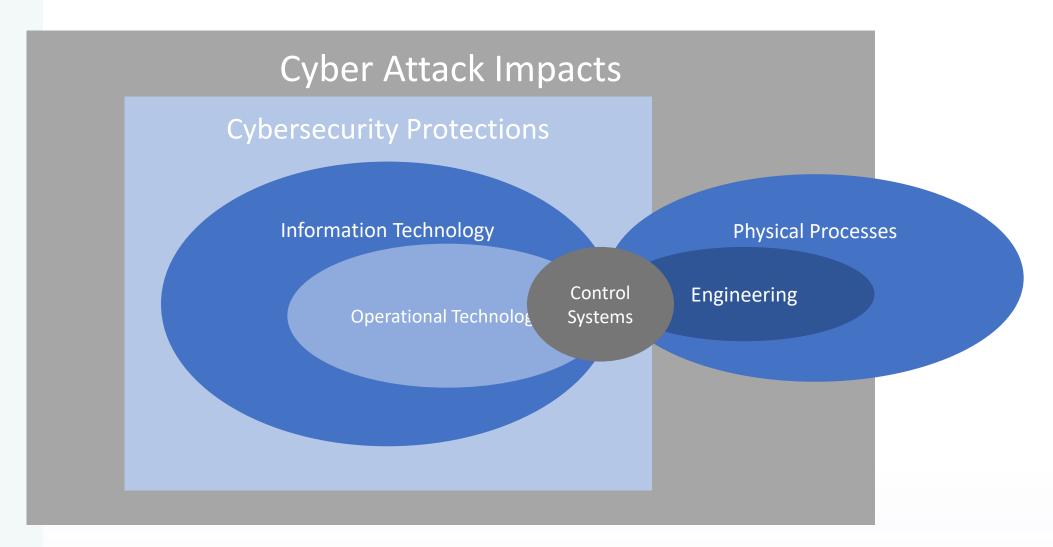
• Why?

Joe Slowick, MITRE

- Ransomware attacked business data on an IT network
- However, pipeline operations were curtailed.

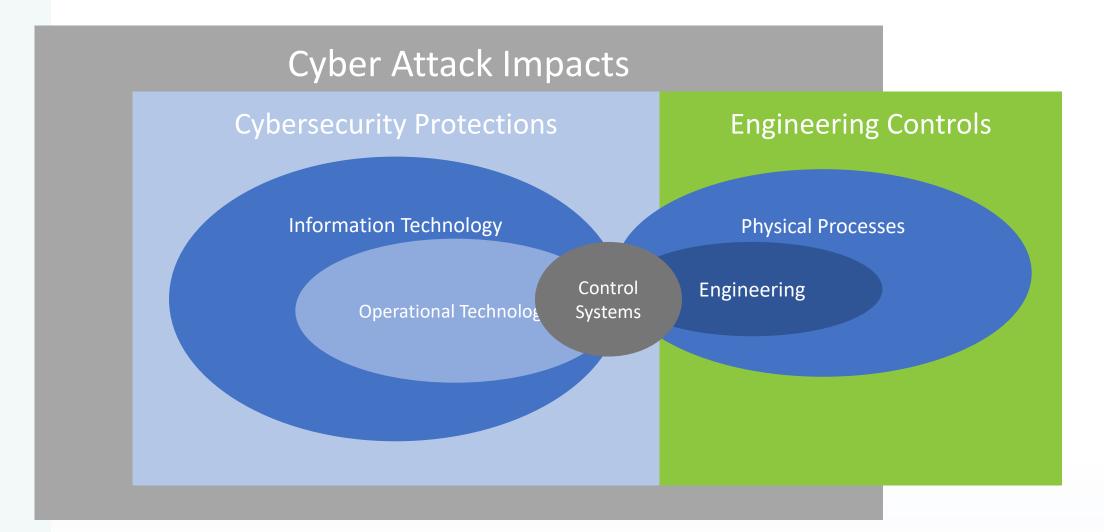


Cybersecurity in Operational Technology





Cyber-Informed Engineering



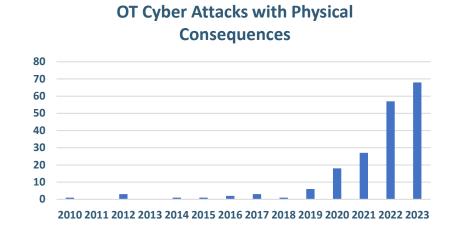


How are Cyber Attacks affecting Physical Infrastructure?

- Ransomware accounts for 80% of attacks where threat actor is known
- Multiple nation-state attacks on OT open to the internet
 - Weak or default passwords
 - Vulnerable system
- Nation States using commodity tools, tactics and techniques
- 50% of identified incidents impacted process and discrete manufacturing
 - Production shutdowns, work stoppages and shipping delays
- Financial impacts are public record:
 - \$27-450M
- The largest impacts to operations are indirect, including IT dependencies and "abundance of caution shutdowns"
- OT-related Supply Chain Attacks are increasing

Predictions:

- Ransomware attacks with OT consequences will increase
- Politically motivated attacks will increase in number and impact alongside criminal ransomware
- The success of "indirect" attacks will drive more attempts

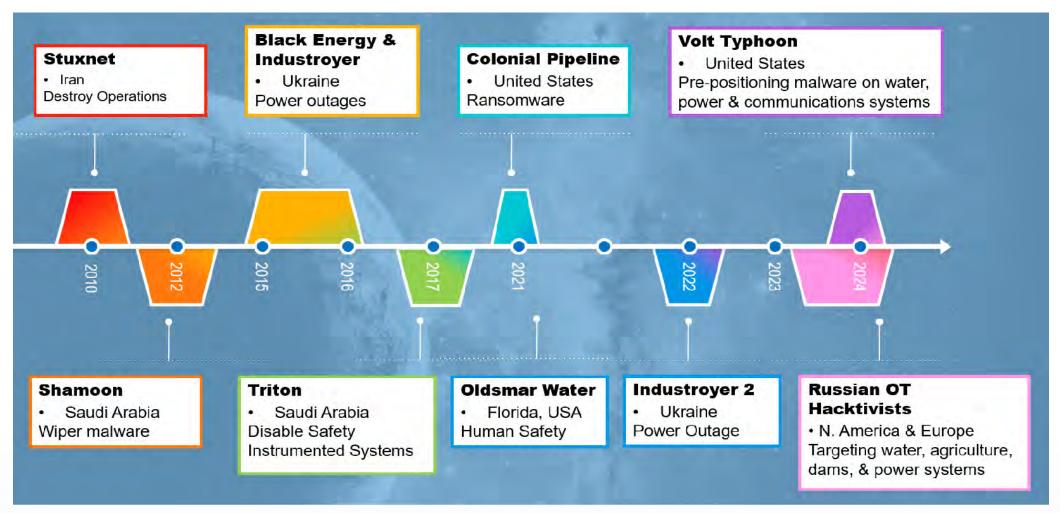


Volt Typhoon Zyxel Firewalls Water sector





Cyber Attacks on Control Systems are Real – and Growing



Cyber-Informed Engineering

Cyber-Informed Engineering (CIE)

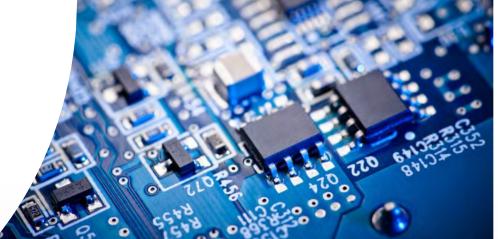
 CIE uses design decisions and engineering controls to eliminate or mitigate avenues for cyber-enabled attack.

• CIE offers the opportunity to use engineering to eliminate specific harmful consequences throughout the design and operation lifecycle, rather than add cybersecurity controls after the fact.

 Focused on engineers and technicians, CIE provides a framework for cyber education, awareness, and accountability.

• CIE aims to create a culture of security aligned with the existing industry safety culture.



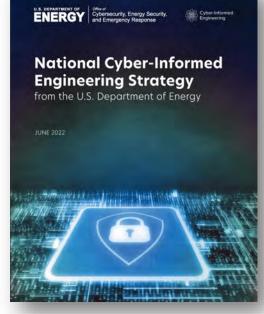




National CIE Strategy

- Directed by the U.S. Congress in the Fiscal Year 2020 National Defense Authorization Act
- Outlines core CIE concepts
 - Defined by a set of design, operational, and organizational principles
 - Placed cybersecurity considerations at the foundation of control systems design and engineering
- Five integrated pillars offer recommendations to incorporate CIE as a common practice for control systems engineers
 - Intended to drive action across the industrial base stakeholders—government, owners and operators, manufacturers, researchers, academia, and training and standards organizations
- DOE issued the National CIE Strategy June 15, 2022
- CIE has been named in the National Cyber Strategy and the National Cyber Strategy Implementation Plan and in the report on cyber-physical systems by the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology

%20CIE%20Strategy%20-



https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2022-06/FINAL%20DOE%20National%20CIE%20Strategy%20-%20June%202022 0.pdf



Pillars of the National CIE Strategy

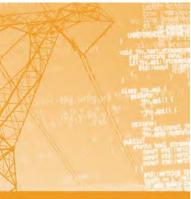


Promulgate a universal and shared understanding of CIE



Education

Embed CIE into formal education, training, and credentialing



Development

Build the body
of knowledge
by which CIE
is applied
to specific
implementations



Current Infrastructure

Apply CIE principles to existing systemically important critical infrastructure

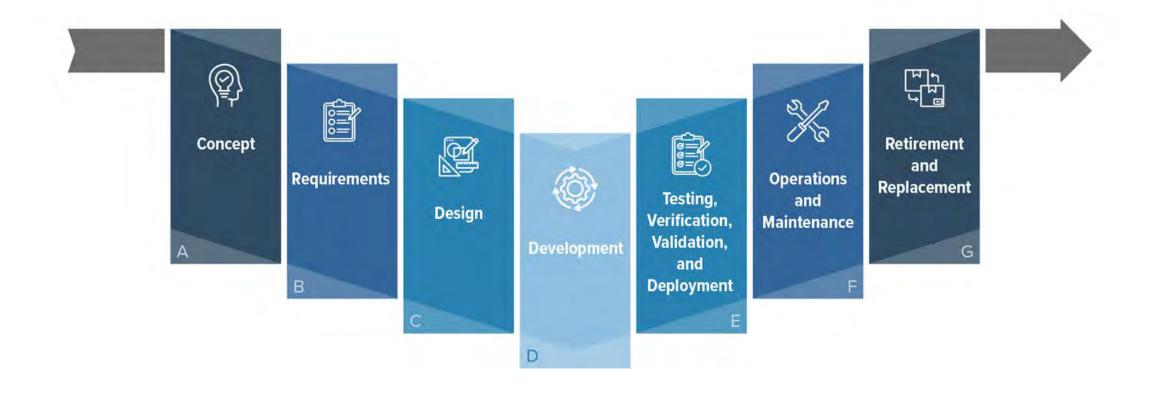


Future Infrastructure

Conduct R&D and develop an industrial base to build CIE into new infrastructure systems and emerging technology



CIE and the Systems Engineering Lifecycle





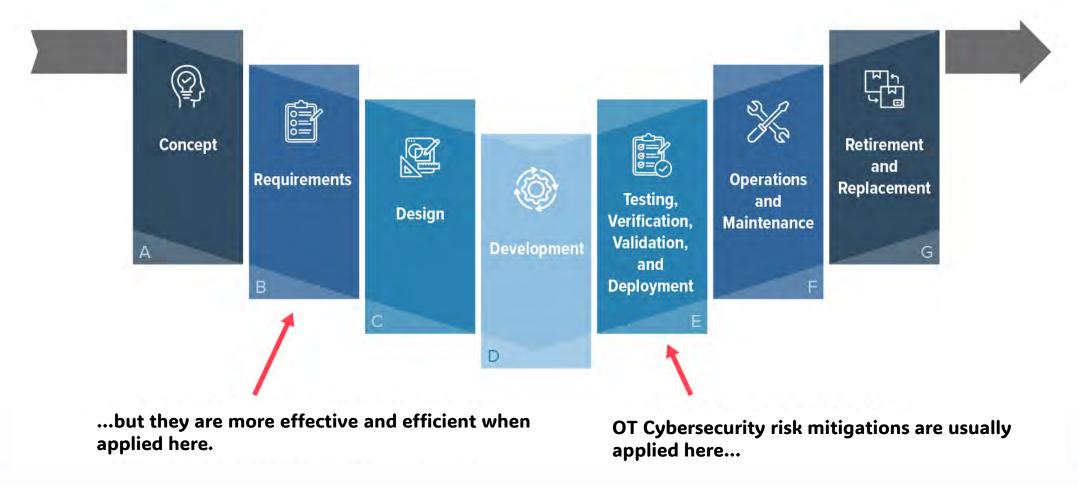
CIE and the Systems Engineering Lifecycle



OT Cybersecurity risk mitigations are usually applied here...



CIE and the Systems Engineering Lifecycle





CIE Principles

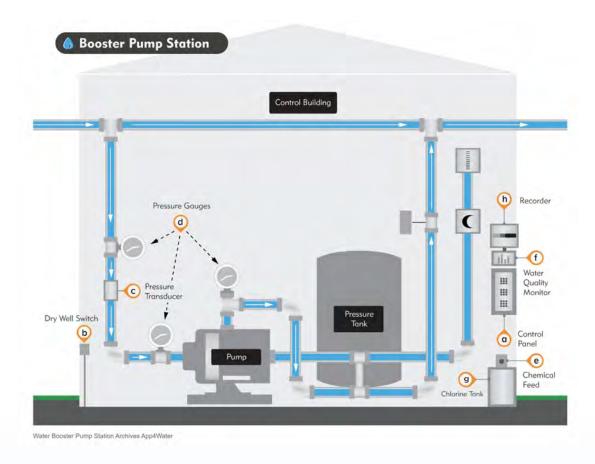
PRINCIPLE	KEY QUESTION
Consequence-Focused Design	How do I understand what critical functions my system must <u>ensure</u> and the undesired consequences it must <u>prevent</u> ?
Engineered Controls	How do I select and implement controls to minimize avenues for attack or the damage that could result?
Secure Information Architecture	How do I prevent undesired manipulation of important data?
Design Simplification	How do I determine what features of my system are not absolutely necessary to achieve the critical functions?
Layered Defenses	How do I create the best compilation of system defenses?
Active Defense	How do I proactively prepare to defend my system from any threat?
Interdependency Evaluation	How do I understand where my system can impact others or be impacted by others?
Digital Asset Awareness	How do I understand where digital assets are used, what functions they are capable of, and what our assumptions are about how they work?
Cyber-Secure Supply Chain Controls	How do I ensure my providers deliver the security the system needs?
Planned Resilience	How do I turn "what ifs" into "even ifs"?
Engineering Information Control	How do I manage knowledge about my system? How do I keep it out of the wrong hands?
Organizational Culture	How do I ensure that everyone's behaviors and decisions align with our security goals?



How does this work in practice?

Water Booster Pump Station

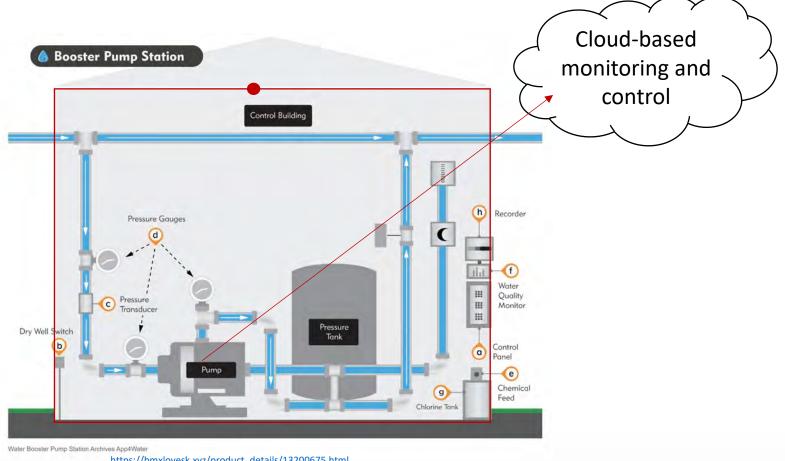
Water Booster Pump Station



https://bmxlovesk.xyz/product_details/13200675.html



Water Booster Pump Station



https://bmxlovesk.xyz/product_details/13200675.html



Cyber Solution Review

- Control System Software has a qualifying secure development lifecycle.
 - Very mature demonstrated processes
 - Provided SBOM
 - Component infrastructure is up to date
 - Mature vulnerability release process with regular patches
 - 24/7 Support availability
- Cloud provider is reputable and qualified
 - SOC Type 2 and Fedramp (if needed), great physical security
 - Very mature, experienced in hosting critical infrastructure services
 - Demonstrated response and restoration capabilities



IT Installation Review

- Network entry point has standard security package
- Monitoring and logging traffic on this interface according to standard practice
 - Logging interfaces with organizational logging system
- Traffic in and out is encrypted between the cloud provider and the internal network boundary



Organizational Review Board Votes

Finance / Accounting –



Information Technology –

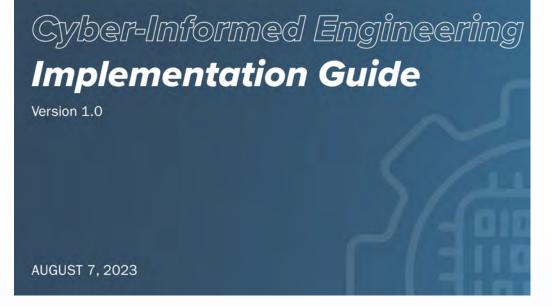
Cybersecurity –



Engineering Operations – ?

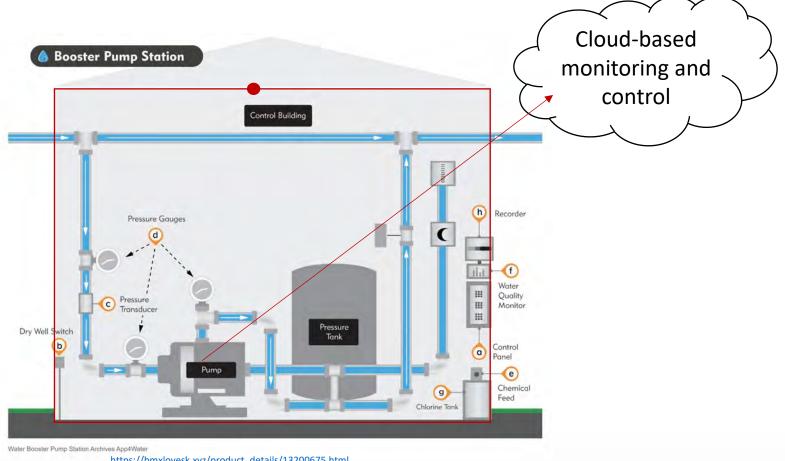








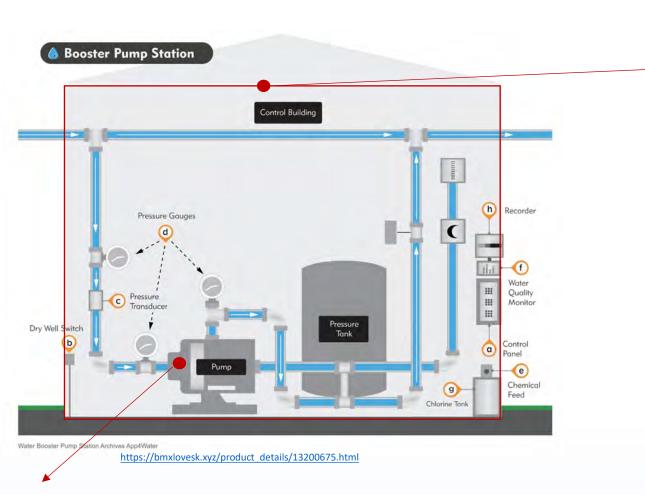
Water Booster Pump Station



https://bmxlovesk.xyz/product_details/13200675.html



Water Booster Pump Station



Cloud-based monitoring and control

Mechanical Time Delay Relay



Organizational Review Board Votes

Finance / Accounting –



Information Technology –

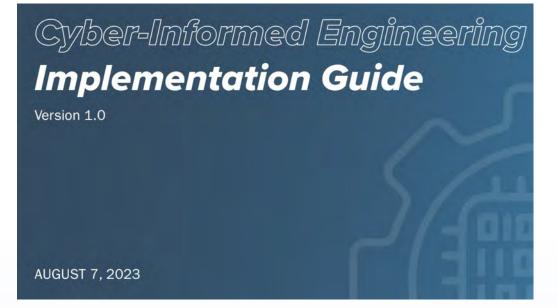
Cybersecurity –



Engineering Operations –







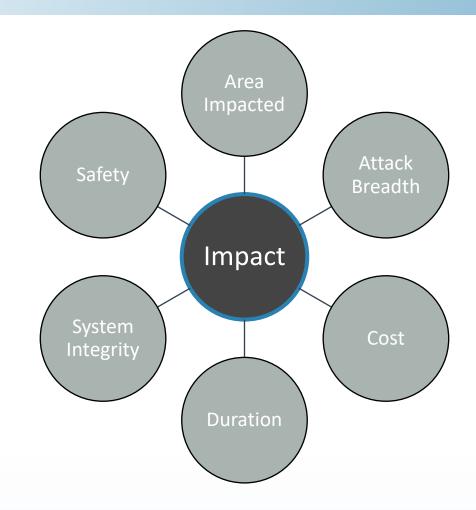


CIE Principles Deeper Dive

Consequence-Focused Design

How do I understand what critical functions my system must ensure and the undesired consequences it must prevent?

- What is normal operation?
- What is the worst consequence of this operation?
- What are the system's <u>critical</u> <u>functions</u>?
- What is my risk appetite?

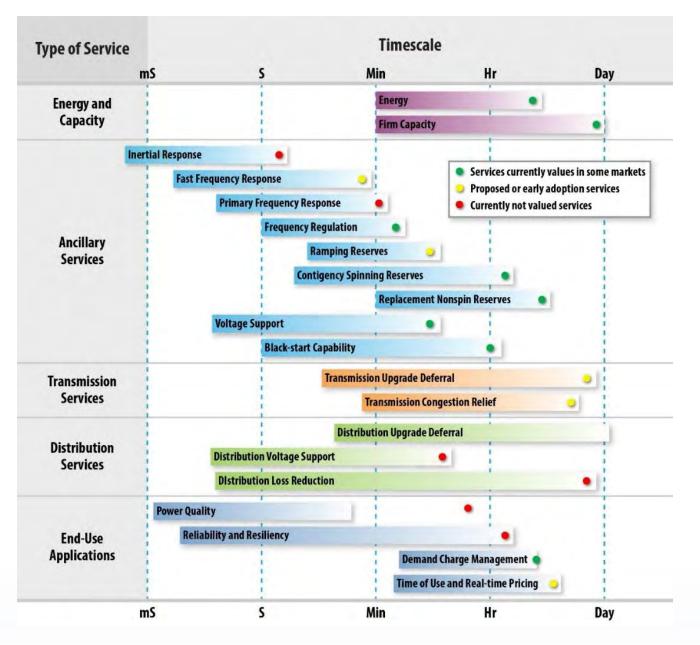




Consequence-Focused Design in Practice

A critical function could be the grid service(s) that your installation is designed, or contracted, to provide.

Consequence of losing that grid service is determined by each installation and its magnitude.





Engineered Controls

How do I select and implement controls to reduce avenues for attack or the damage that could result?

ENGINEERED CONTROLS SUBSTITUTION Replace the hazard ENGINEERED CONTROLS Isolation from the hazard ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS Change the way people work

Protect the worker with Personal

Protective Equipment

Graphic adapted from: CDC NIOSH - https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/hierarchy/default.html

CONTROLS

Hierarchy of Controls



Least

effective

Engineered Controls in Practice

Use of a mode key prevents updating of a PLC controller (BESS controller, site controller, etc.) unless you are physically at the unit.

Phase monitoring relay can be used to provide a non-digital control decision when a cyber attack creates a phase reversal, phase loss, phase unbalance, overvoltage and undervoltage scenario in 3-phase systems (AC Inverter Side)

SanDisk

SanDisk

Image Source: https://9to5answer.com/unable-to-

open-dev-sdb-read-write-read-only-file-system



Image Source: https://www.dragos.com/blog/industry-news/value-of-plc-key-switch-monitoring/

Image Source:

https://www.automationdirect.com/adc/shopping/catalog/relays_-z-_timers/phase_monitoring_relays

SD Card has a toggle switch to change from Read-Write to Read Only to prevent manipulation (firmware updates, code files, etc.)

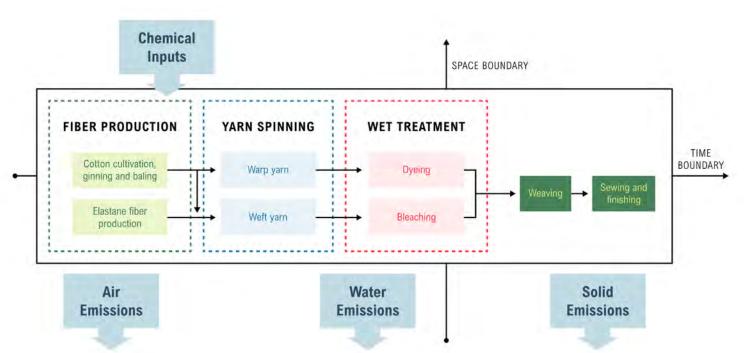


Secure Information Architecture

How do I prevent undesired manipulation of important data?

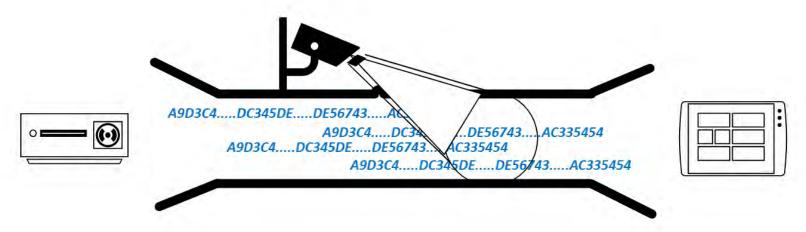


- What is the critical data?
- What systems originate, change, and validate?
- How will data flow?
- How should we group the data flows and data?
- How can we create monitorable boundaries?
- Where are areas of implicit trust?





Secure Information Architecture in Practice



Key data is used between communicating equipment when sensing and commanding a critical function in the system. This information is best understood by the engineering staff, who should help inform:

- Monitoring Policy and Rules
- Firewall Policy and Rules
- Network Segmentation

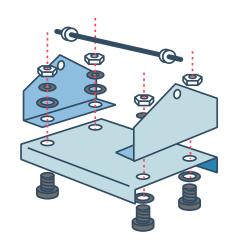
For example, the heartbeat signal that is often used in microgrid installations between the energy management system (EMS) and the BESS Controller to allow for power mode commands to be accepted could be seen as a key piece of data that should be protected and monitored for.

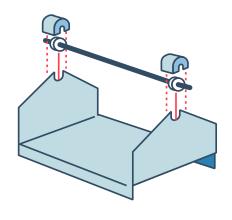


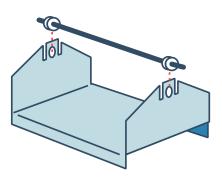
Design Simplification

How do I determine what features of my system are not absolutely necessary to achieve the critical functions?

- Are all of the elements of my design actually required?
- How do I reduce complication?
- What do I lose by simplifying?







Graphic adapted from: http://www.slideshare.net/BabasabPatil/product-design-ppt-doms



Design Simplification in Practice

Cell modems are often installed in systems to provide a digital communication between a vendor and their equipment such as a BESS installation.

This path is often redundant to a physical communication path through a site firewall and site router to an EMS service. Design Simplification would suggest removing this "alternate" path and require communication only through the firewall.

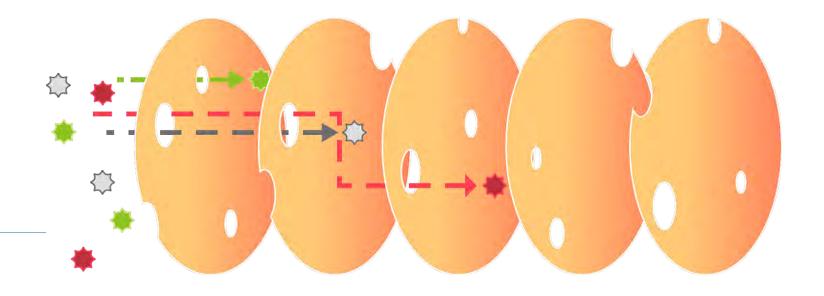


Image source: https://www.radwell.com/Shop?source=GoogleShopping&IgnoreRe direct=true&ItemSingleId=195062231



Layered Defenses

How do I create the best compilation of system defenses?



Reason's Swiss Cheese Model adapted from: https://skybrary.aero/articles/james-reason-ht-model



Layered Defenses in Practice

Cybersecurity Controls

- Network Segmentation
- Access Control (i.e. passwords, RBAC, etc.)
- Monitoring
- Backups
- Updates
- Physical Access Control
- Etc.

Reduce Likelihood

Engineering Controls

- PLC Mode Keys
- Analog Circuitry
- Manual Modes of Operation
- Feasibility Checks in Process Logic
- Etc.

Reduce Impacts

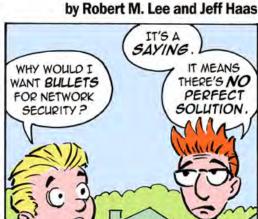


Active Defense

How do I proactively prepare to defend my system from any threat?

- How do I protect what I designed?
- How can engineers and IT collaborate in defense?
- How do we exercise/practice defense?
- Have we developed policies and procedures?





Used with permission from: https://www.recordedfuture.com/active-cyber-defense-part-2/



Active Defense in Practice

Operator training includes recognizing indicators, events, or controls available when determining or responding to cyber threats.

When the mouse moves without your control, do you have a procedure to help an operator respond correctly?

At what point does the IT security team call the OT engineering teams when the IT team detects cyber anomalies?

When is the last time we exercised one of our resilience strategies?



Image Source: https://www.saskwind.ca/power-and-renewables/system-operators/



Interdependency Evaluation

How do I understand where my system can impact others or be impacted by others?

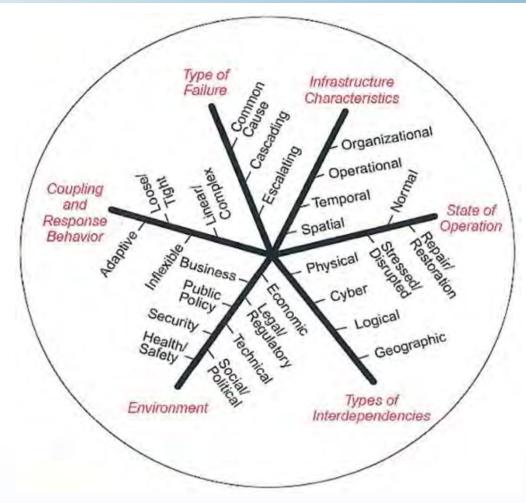


Image adapted from: http://witandwisdomofanengineer.blogspot.com/2010/11/infrastructure-interdependencies.html



Interdependency Evaluation in Practice

Microgrid installations often have multiple energy sources (BESS, PV, Wind, Synchronous Generators like Propane, etc.).

Given a digital manipulation, could certain energy sources be used against others to create an unacceptable consequence?



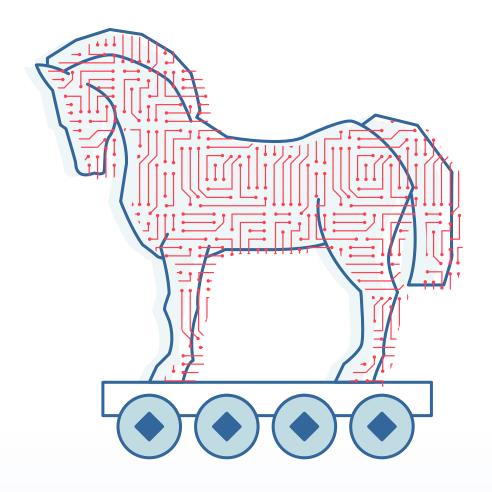
Image Source: https://powersecure.com/customer-solutions/our-solutions/basic-microgrid/



Digital Asset Awareness

How do I understand where digital assets are used, what functions they are capable of, and our assumptions about how they work?

- Digital systems are different from their analog counterparts
 - Turning off features doesn't remove them
 - Digital features area a source of different risks
- One way of tracking risk is keeping an inventory of digital assets
 - Simple? Maintaining accuracy is not simple
- How do you protect this information?





Digital Asset Awareness in Practice

Given the push to modernization, most control and protection devices are providing digitally-delivered functionality.

How could a cyber attack impact critical controls and protections?



Image Source: https://electrical-engineering-portal.com/download-center/books-and-guides/relays/overcurrent-differential-protection



Cyber-Secure Supply Chain Controls

How do I ensure my providers deliver the security the system needs?

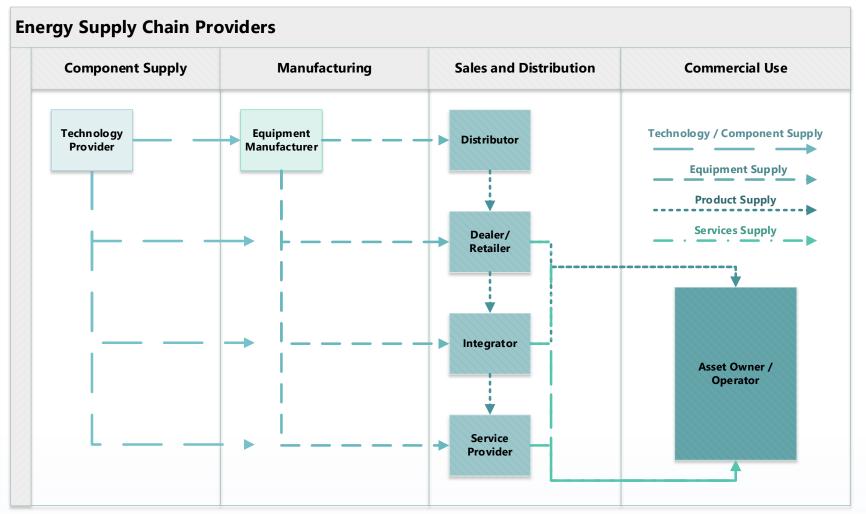
- How do cyber security requirements flow to vendors, integrators, and third-party contractors?
 - What assumptions are we making?
- Does procurement language must specify the exact requirements a vendor must comply with as part of the system design, build, integration, or support?
- How do we verify compliance?



You are only as secure as your least secure vendor



Cyber-Secure Supply Chain Controls in Practice

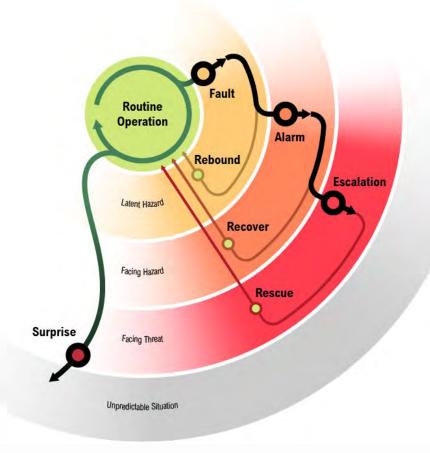




Planned Resilience

How do I turn "what ifs" into "even ifs"?

- What are the limits of acceptable degradation for critical system functions and what alternate operating modes would protect and maintain those critical system functions within acceptable limits?
- How does the organization maintain business continuity and critical function delivery through incident response and recovery?
- How will resilience measures be validated?





Planned Resilience in Practice

Day Without Automation (DWOA) Tabletop Exercise & System Design

✓ People

✓ Process

✓ Technology



Image Source: https://www.dreamstime.com/analog-control-room-controlling-machines-working-processes-image221149932



Engineering Information Control

How do I manage knowledge about my system? How do I keep it out of the wrong hands?

- What information should we protect?
- Who has and should have it?
- How do we protect it?





Engineering Information Control in Practice

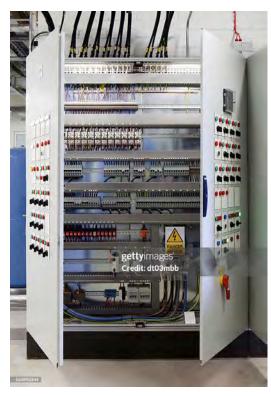
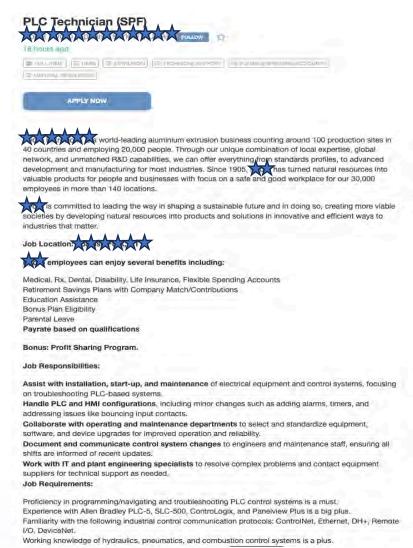
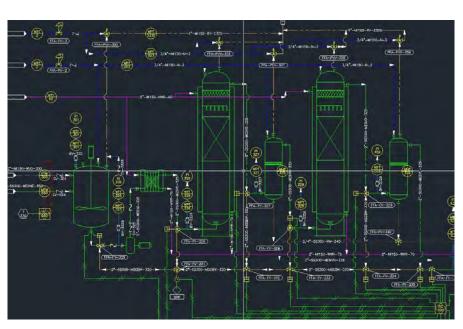


Image Source:

https://www.gettyimages.com/detail/pho to/systems-control-cabinet-royalty-freeimage/165893344





https://jefers on costa.com/what-is-pid-piping-and-instrumentation-diagram-or-process-and-instrumentation-diagram/

Image Source:

Organizational Culture

How do I ensure that everyone's behavior and decisions align with our security goals?

- Include cyber security into engineering and engineering into cyber security
- Ensure entire staff is enlisted and endorses cyber security
- Ensure staff understand and follow processes and procedures
 - All it takes is one user to lower security posture
- How do we encourage a questioning attitude?
- How can we provide the same rigor for cybersecurity as physical protection security and safety?

Conversations

Explicit Assumptions

Collaboration on Projects

Assessments

Scenarios

Exercises



Organizational Culture in Practice



Image Source: https://www.trustntm.com/how-to-create-a-culture-of-cybersecurity-in-your-organization/

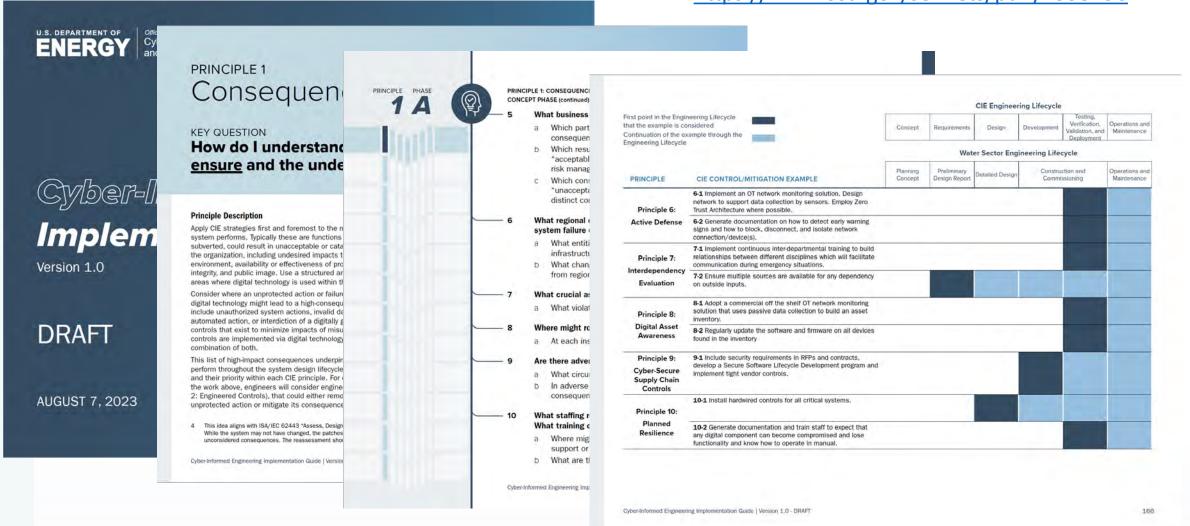
- For example, are employees rewarded for speaking up about cybersecurity?
- Do all people and stakeholders involved in the project have the same worldview when it comes to system security?



So Where from here with CIE?

CIE Implementation Guide

https://www.osti.gov/servlets/purl/1995796





CIE COP and Working Group Purpose

CIE Standards WG

Monthly

1st Wednesday, 9 AM MT / 11 AM ET

Support integration of CIE into engineering and cybersecurity standards

Cyber-Informed Engineering COP

Quarterly

11 AM ET on the 2nd Wednesday of January, April, July, and October

Multi-stakeholder team to aid the translation of CIE into technical requirements that can inform guidance, practices, and standards development

CIE Education WG

Monthly
3rd Wednesday, 9 AM MT / 11 AM ET

Develop curricula and materials that integrate CIE principles into engineering degree programs

CIE Implementation WG

Monthly

4th Wednesday, 9 AM MT / 11 AM ET

Develop CIE implementation guidance and an open-source library of resources



Recent CIE Publications

Websites

- DOE CESER CIE Website https://www.energy.gov/ceser/cyber-informed-engineering
- INL CIE Website https://inl.gov/cie/
- NREL CIE Website https://www.nrel.gov/security-resilience/cyber-informed-engineering.html

Publications

- CIE Implementation Guide: https://www.osti.gov/biblio/1995796
- CIE Workbook for ADMS: https://www.osti.gov/biblio/1986517
- CIE Workbook for Microgrids: https://www.osti.gov/biblio/2315001
- CIE Workbook for Water Systems: https://www.osti.gov/biblio/2371031
- CIE Assessment Tool: https://github.com/inlguy/CIE/releases/tag/v12.2.4.0 Just Released!

Articles and Briefings

- SANS ICS Concepts Video: https://youtu.be/o_vlxW6UTeg
- Industrial Cyber: CIE and CCE Methodologies Can Deliver Engineered Industrial Systems for Holistic System Cybersecurity (June 11, 2023) with interviews from INL, 1898, and West Yost
- Harvard Business Review: Engineering Cybersecurity into U.S. Critical Infrastructure (April 17, 2023) by Ginger Wright, Andrew Ohrt, and Andy Bochman
- Shift Left video podcast on GrammaTech blog: Shifting Left for Energy Security (April 4, 2023) with Ginger Wright, Idaho National Lab and Marc Sachs, Auburn University
- For more CIE articles and publications, visit: inl.gov/cie

Under Development

- CIRRUS Tool for leveraging CIE for consideration of OT in the Cloud
- CIE Microgrid Tool Tool for leveraging CIE in the design of microgrids
- CIE BESS Tool Tool for leveraging CIE in the design of BESS installations
- Discussions with CISA Secure by Design



CIE BESS Analysis Tool (CIEBAT)

custom BESS Tool logo



A customized tool for microgrid, storage and digital upgrades.

"The BESS Experience."



- Analyze System Services
- 2 Analyze Consequence
- 3 Analyze CIE Mitigations



Project Name:				
Project Details:				
	7 -			

Location Details

Project Address:		

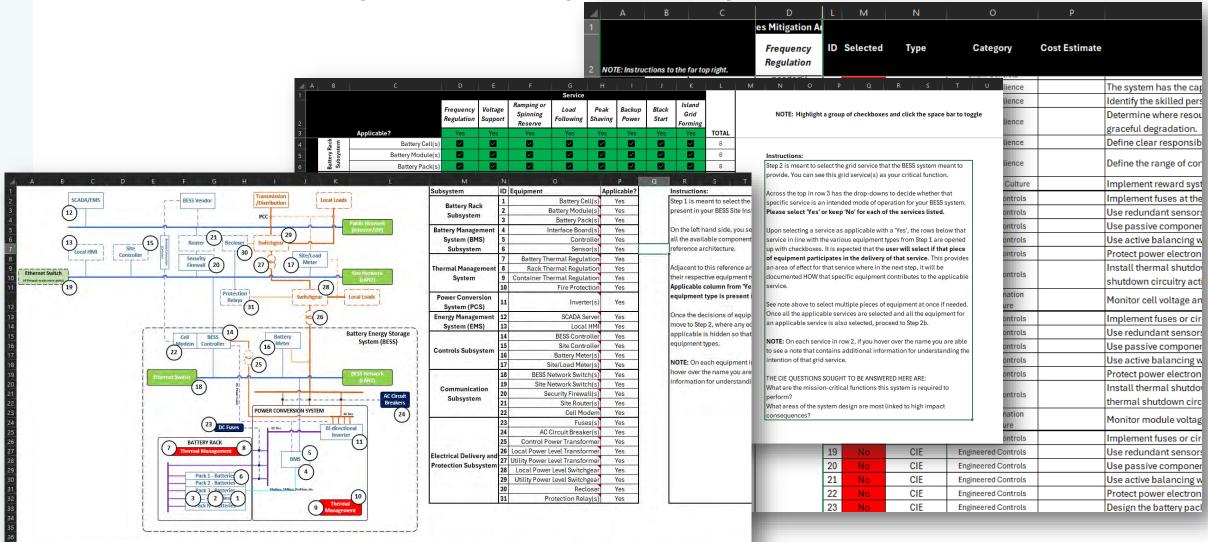
Contact Details

Project Lead:	1		
Phone:			
Email			





CIE BESS Analysis Tool (CIEBAT)



Step 4 - Consequence Analysis | Step 5 - Mitigation Analysis | Step ... (+) ; (-)



Step 1 - System Definition | Step 2 - Service Definition |1

Step 2 - Service Definition|2

Step 3 - Consequence Definition

CIE Microgrid Analysis Tool (CIEMAT)

CIE Microgrid Template



Multi-step tool focused on supporting Cooperative Utilities and aids in their ability to determine a cybersecurity protection scheme (i.e. CIE protections, Digital protections) for a Microgrid installation.

Steps in the Template

- Detail and Describe the System Characteristics (i.e., BESS, PV, Generators, IBR Resources, etc.)
- Select Grid Services Provided (i.e., Backup Power, Voltage Regulation, etc.)
- Describe how the System provides Grid Service(s). (i.e., Enabling Functions)
- Determine System Criticality (i.e., Impacts, Funding, Load Profile)
- Describe the Misuse of those Enabling Functions.
- Select Mitigations (i.e. CIE, C2M2, IEEE 1547, etc.) for the People, Process, and Technologies identified in Misuse.

Project Details

Project Name:		
Project Details:		
-11		

Location Details

Project Address:			

Contact Details

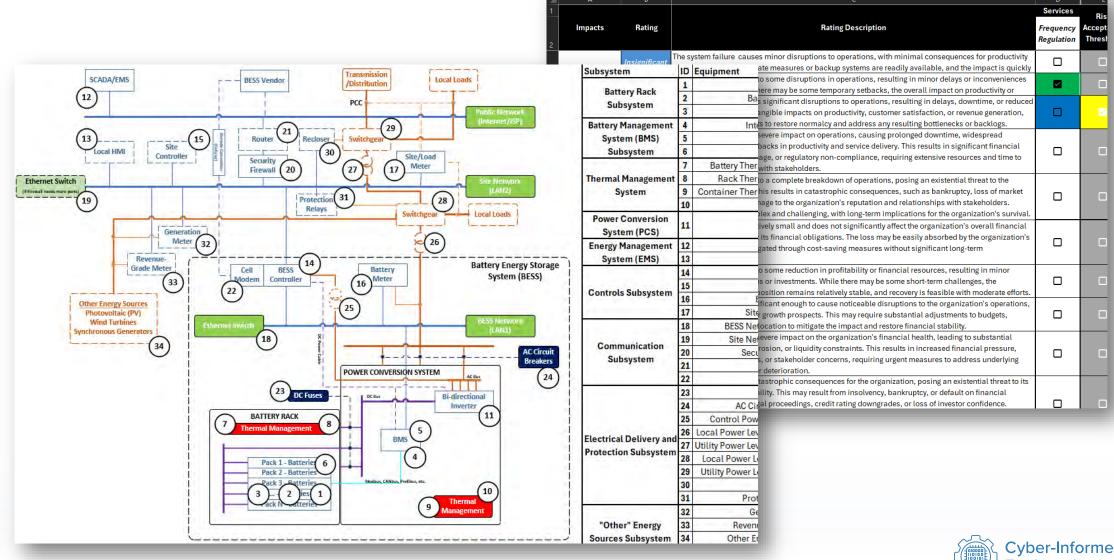
Project Lead:			
Phone:	4		
Email:			

Image provided by https://energized.edison.com/stories/the-microgrid-solution





CIE Microgrid Analysis Tool (CIEMAT)



Thank You!



CIE@inl.gov

https://www.energy.gov/ceser/cyber-informed-engineering