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### EHDWB Circular Letter: 2021-41

TO: Public Water Systems  
Certified Operators

FROM: Lori Mathieu, Public Health Branch Chief, EHDW

DATE: June 15, 2021

SUBJECT: Cybersecurity Preparedness

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As a follow up to Circular Letter 2021-12 issued on February 10, 2021 and recent high-profile cybersecurity incidents, the Drinking Water Section (DWS) is reminding public water systems to stay vigilant with cybersecurity preparedness and to evaluate their system security. Due to these recent incidents, EPA has informed state primacy agencies of their intent to incorporate cybersecurity as part of the PWS sanitary survey process for the drinking water sector. To that end DWS would like to share the following resources:

The [EPA Cybersecurity Best Practices for the Water Sector](#) webpage provides several useful resources and information including the Vulnerability Self-Assessment Tool 2.0 (VSAT Web 2.0).

The [EPA's Cybersecurity Guide for States](#) includes a list of questions that may be asked during future sanitary surveys and a cybersecurity worksheet that public water systems may use to determine if they have an effective cybersecurity program.

It is recommended that public water systems ensure the security of the water system infrastructure controls as well as management files stored electronically in anticipation of upcoming requirements.

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