Drinking Water Section

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TO: Community Public Water Systems

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RE: Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Month

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Cyber Security and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), recognizes November as Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Month. America’s national security and economic prosperity are increasingly dependent upon information technology that is becoming increasingly integrated with critical infrastructure operations that is vulnerable to a wide range of risks and threats. At the present time, more than any time in the past, it is important that we stay vigilant in our responsibilities as public water purveyors. Please take this opportunity to review the information from CISA at https://www.cisa.gov/cyber-essentials to learn more about how to protect and secure our public drinking water systems. It is important as public water purveyors to develop accessible information to secure cyber and physical infrastructure, and to promote redundancy and resilience.

If you have any further concerns or questions regarding this matter please to not hesitate to contact us. Please also visit DPH’s Drinking Water Security and Emergency Response webpage for more useful information and resources on these topics.

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