

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Deidre S. Gifford, MD, MPH
Acting Commissioner




Ned Lamont
Governor
Susan Bysiewicz
Lt. Governor

Environmental Health & Drinking Water Branch

EHDWB Circular Letter: 2021-48

TO: Public Water Systems
Certified Operators

FROM: Lori Mathieu, Public Health Branch Chief, EHDW 

DATE: July 12, 2021

SUBJECT: Cybersecurity Preparedness - Ransomware Readiness Assessment (RRA)

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) continues to make strengthening our nation's resilience from cyberattacks, against both the private and public sectors, a top priority. As part of this ongoing focus on ransomware, CISA is releasing a new resource focused on this ever-evolving threat. CISA releases its [Ransomware Readiness Assessment](#) (RRA), the latest assessment module in its suite of Cyber Security Evaluation Tool (CSET®) products designed for Critical Infrastructure Industrial Control Systems (ICS) stakeholders.

CSET also provides a systematic, disciplined, and repeatable approach for evaluating an organization's security posture. It is a desktop software tool that guides asset owners and operators through a step-by-step process to evaluate ICS and information technology (IT) network security practices. Public water systems (PWSs) can evaluate their own cybersecurity stance using many recognized government and industry standards and recommendations.

The ransomware self-assessment is a unique stand-alone resource that can be downloaded from CISA's CSET GitHub page: <https://github.com/cisagov/cset/releases>. Included on the GitHub site, stakeholders will find training materials intended to assist those delivering the assessments in understanding how to present and document the new ransomware-focused engagement.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to CyberLiaison@cisa.dhs.gov for general questions and inquiries, and to find out more about the regional CISA team, please contact CISARegion1@hq.dhs.gov.

C: Heather Aaron, MPH, LNHA, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Health



Phone: (860) 509-7333 • Fax: (860) 509-7359
Telecommunications Relay Service 7-1-1
410 Capitol Avenue, P.O. Box 340308, MS#12DWS
Hartford, Connecticut 06134-0308
www.ct.gov/dph/publicdrinkingwater

Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer

