Water Sector Coordinating Council

TO: U.S. Water and Wastewater Utilities
FROM: Water Sector Coordinating Council
DATE: April 14, 2021
SUBJECT: Water and Wastewater System Cybersecurity Anonymous Survey; Deadline: April 28

The national water and wastewater organizations comprising the Water Sector Coordinating Council — AMWA, AWWA, NACWA, NAWC, NRWA, WaterISAC, The Water Research Foundation, and WEF – urge all U.S. water and wastewater systems to complete the anonymous survey linked below no later than April 28, 2021. The survey should take no more than 15 minutes.

With threats from increasingly sophisticated and destructive attackers, cybersecurity has become a top priority for water and wastewater systems. And recent incidents have added urgency to discussions within the sector and with Congress and in federal agencies on how best to help utilities improve their cybersecurity.

To help guide discussions with policymakers – and to inform the sector's own cybersecurity programs – the national water and wastewater organizations are collaborating to develop a picture of current cybersecurity practices in the sector. With this information, the associations can better articulate the challenges and needs of the sector.

At the request of the associations, WaterISAC, the water and wastewater sector's security information-sharing organization, is hosting a survey of utilities to gather the needed data. ***All water and wastewater systems in the United States, regardless of membership, are urged to complete the survey.***

Please ask a staff member with cybersecurity responsibilities to complete the survey. Your utility may receive this survey from multiple sources. To avoid duplicate responses by multiple staff, please consult internally with colleagues before completing the survey.

Confidentiality

The survey does not collect any identifying information, and only aggregated results will be shared publicly.

Survey Link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021watersectorsurvey

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