

# Cyber Informed Engineering

## SRF Perspective



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# Agenda

- Cyber Security is Coming to SRFs
- How Idaho DEQ Approached Cyber Security
- What We Can Do!
- Idaho Cyber Security



# Cyber Security is Coming to SRFs

- Nation-wide Cyber Security requirements are coming
- It's not if , but when new regulations arrive, Idaho is trying to get out ahead of it
- White House Letter to Governor regarding Cyber Security Plan



# How Can We Be Cyber Experts TOO?



- Good news! We aren't the Cyber Experts
- **We Are** the Information Gate Keepers!
- Cyber Informed Engineering (CIE) is a common-sense approach for the water sector

# Idaho Water Sector

**Total DW Systems – 2,014**

**By Population** <3,000 – 97%  
<10,000 – 99%

**Total CW Systems – 370**

**By Population** <3,000 – 76%  
<10,000 – 85%

Most systems are too small for  
current Cyber Security initiatives





# How Idaho Approached Cyber Security

## Do Something!

One person attended cyber webinars and virtual conferences:

- Collected resources
- Eventually had a basic understanding of Cyber Security
- Gauged what the industry was doing
- Found Cyber Experts in the Water Sector, someone must already be working on this!



# What We Can Do!

## SRFs can:

- Internal Training on Cyber Security
- Direct engineers to information on Cyber Security and Cyber Informed Engineering (CIE)
- Include Cyber Informed Engineering (CIE) rating points in the LOIs
- Have a Cyber Security point person in program
  - Collect resources
  - It eventually starts to make sense!
- Include Cyber Best Practices & Current Trends in your newsletters and outreach



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<i><a href="#">IDAPA 58.01.22.020.02.c.</a> Sustainability Efforts (e.g., prospective efforts at energy conservation, water conservation, extending the life of capital assets, green building practices, and other environmentally innovative approaches to infrastructure repair, replacement, and improvement). Up to 50 points.</i>	
Answers to the following questions can improve your overall rating. If you earn Priority List points for your responses in this section, you or your project engineer will need to evaluate or complete each item under the terms of the planning grant agreement.	
Although only 50 points can be awarded under Section II.C, DEQ will incorporate all sustainability items selected below into the scope of the grant agreement for inclusion in the planning document. All the items selected shall be addressed in the planning document.	
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# Consultant Training

- **Our approach requires the Consultants to be trained**
- **INL has committed to provide training for Idaho Consultants**
- **Eventually want a Cyber Informed Engineering (CIE) certification be available**
- **We will review how our approach worked FY2026 and adjust as needed**



# Industry Partners

Special Thanks to:

**Andrew Ohrt** from **West Yost &**  
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**Laboratory (INL)**

CCE and CIE were developed by INL to improve the cyber-resilience of our critical infrastructure. West Yost is leading the application of both CCE and CIE in the Water Sector.

**West Yost is INL's first licensed CCE Partner!**

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**INL** Idaho National Laboratory

**Principles and Practical Applications of Consequence-Driven, Cyber-Informed Engineering (CCE)**

**West Yost** is currently working with **AWWA** to write the book on CCE in the Water Sector! We expect to publish by mid-2023.

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# Questions?



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