



NAWC CYBERSECURITY PILLARS

1. NAWC member companies support state and federal initiatives aimed at driving uniform cybersecurity compliance for all drinking water and waste water system operators across the nation.
2. NAWC supports the efforts of The Biden Administration and congressional leadership to reexamine the drinking water and wastewater sector's cybersecurity oversight model and embraces requirements such as mandating risk-based foundational standards.
3. NAWC supports efforts to establish a North American Water Reliability Council (NAWRC) to manage the development of compliance standards and to audit utility implementation. This entity would mirror the NERC model used by the electric sector. NAWRC would be an independent, sector-led organization, not a government agency.
4. NAWC supports the creation of a new FERC-like regulatory office within the EPA's Office of the Administrator to oversee the North American Water Reliability Council's (NAWRC's) proposed compliance standards for the drinking and wastewater sector.
5. NAWC supports federal funding to utilize, and enhance, the WaterISAC to directly support drinking water and wastewater utilities by providing, promoting, and sharing voluntary operational, physical, and cybersecurity-based information and best practices with the sector.
6. NAWC supports legislative and administrative measures to protect against ransomware attacks and other known "threat vectors" to information technology and operational technology systems and report cybersecurity attacks to CISA within prescribed timeframes.
7. NAWC supports actions that require all drinking water and wastewater system operators to register for CISA's Cyber Hygiene Services.
8. NAWC and its member companies agree that comprehensive physical and cybersecurity strategies must continue to evolve and supports the development of effective policies that encourage:
 - i. More collaboration between the energy, water and gas sectors through cross-training, grid exercises, and information sharing;
 - ii. The formation of a cyber mutual assistance program that would bring industry experts together to support restoration following cyber incidents that impact operations.