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Introductions

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Question 1



How can Pennsylvania utilities utilize CISA's Cross-Sector Cybersecurity Performance Goals (CPGs) and/or NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) to bridge the gap between compliance mandates (like NERC CIP) and practical, threat-based defense?

Question 2



As we align our IT and OT environments, what are the best practices or upcoming updates to the CPGs and CSF that specifically address the unique safety and availability requirements of legacy industrial control systems?

Question 3



What localized, state-level threat intelligence or recent reconnaissance patterns have you observed targeting physical substations or utility infrastructure within Pennsylvania; and given the rise in physical attacks on grid infrastructure nationwide, what specific physical security assessments or vulnerability tools can CISA and PSP-PACIC provide to secure our remote, unstaffed Central Pennsylvania substations?

Question 4



With the gas and electric sectors increasingly interdependent, what specific cross-sector cascading cyber-physical threat vectors are you currently tracking that could disrupt Pennsylvania's grid distribution network?

Question 5



What is the single most underutilized, no-cost security service, threat feed, or exercise partnership offered by your respective state or federal agencies that Pennsylvania energy executives should enroll in today?



Questions and Answers