



Cyber Supply Chain Risk Management and Conducting Cyber Risk Assessments

Cybersecurity and Digitalization:
Supply Chain Risks in the Electricity Sector

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About the Electricity Information Sharing and Analysis Center

- The E-ISAC was founded in 1999 and operates as a part of NERC
- The E-ISAC provides North American members a 24/7 Watch, expert in-house cyber and physical analysis, and a suite of analytical products and services, including CRISP



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About the Cybersecurity Risk Information Sharing Program

- CRISP was created as a pilot by the United States (US) Department of Energy, and was taken over by NERC in 2014
- CRISP provides near real-time network data sharing capabilities and cyber-threat analysis to US energy sector members



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About Con Edison

- Founded in 1823 as the New York Gas Light company
- Provide electric, gas, and steam service for the 10 million people who live in New York City and Westchester County



Cyber Supply Chain Risk: Vulnerabilities

- Vulnerabilities for both hardware and software, IT and OT
- Introduction of risk in deployment to both logical and physical locations
- Risk in procurement for contracts and consultants
- Product vs. Service Provider

Cyber Supply Chain Risk: Country-of-origin

- Country-of-origin risks
 - Standards of hardware and software development
 - Regulated vs unregulated
 - Local laws
 - Implications of real-time support



Cyber Supply Chain Risk: Hypothetical Example

- Procurement and deployment of a given technology
 - Technology procured via contracted third party and deployed to electric power security and power operations centers
 - Contract terms and conditions where technology were to be manufactured in the country where the company resided
 - While the cases of the hardware stated product of *country X*, the internal hardware was manufactured in *country Y*
 - Network security detected outbound communications between deployed technology and *country Y* infrastructure

Cyber Supply Chain Risk:

Hypothetical Example continued

- What happened?
 - Very few companies produce the hardware for these products, and most of them reside in foreign *country Y*
 - These companies routinely sell their hardware to third parties who rebox the product with their label
 - Contractor was unaware the hardware inside the case was produced by company in foreign *country Y*
 - This is normal operating procedure to procure products with “made in *country X*” but the internal hardware made in *country Y*
 - Outbound network communications flagged and blocks put in place
 - *Country Y* has laws for mandatory surveillance and software is designed to adhere to that even if outside of *country Y*

Cyber Supply Chain Risk Management:

Risk Management Strategies

- Third Party Risk Management
 - Financial, Geopolitical, Cybersecurity
 - Internal vs. external assessments
 - ISO / SOC2 reviews
- Application of cybersecurity controls
 - Assess and tier the cybersecurity risk of the technology or service
 - Assess regulatory compliance concerns
 - Set thresholds for tiered controls
 - Consistent evaluation criteria based on risk tier
- Contractual terms and conditions

Cyber Supply Chain Risk Management:

Industry Collaboration

- Partnerships with government
- Building trust circles
- Benchmarking
- Solving the problem at scale
 - Common language
 - Engagement with the industry and vendor community
 - Centralization
 - Scaling
- North American Transmission Forum (NATF) Effort
 - Maintenance and development of Risk Questionnaire
 - Forum for Suppliers and Industry to collaborate and mitigate risk

Cyber Supply Chain Risk Management:

Mitigations

- All-of-company effort
- Service level agreements (SLAs) with consequences
- Architectural and process controls
- Active monitoring and response to vulnerabilities
- Terms and conditions
- Set expectations outside of the contractual language
- Continued assessments of current and alternative solutions

Publicly Available Resources

- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST): Best Practices in Cyber Supply Chain Risk Management
 - <https://csrc.nist.gov/CSRC/media/Projects/Supply-Chain-Risk-Management/documents/briefings/Workshop-Brief-on-Cyber-Supply-Chain-Best-Practices.pdf>
- Cisco and NIST: Managing Supply Chain Risk End-to-End
 - https://www.cisco.com/c/dam/en_us/about/doing_business/trust-center/docs/cyber-supply-chain-risk-management.pdf
- United States Department of Homeland Security: Cyber Security Procurement Language for Control Systems
 - https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/2023-01/Procurement_Language_Rev4_100809_S508C.pdf
- NATF Questionnaire and Criteria
 - <https://www.natf.net/docs/natf/documents/resources/supply-chain/natf-supply-chain-security-criteria.xlsx>
 - <https://www.natf.net/docs/natf/documents/resources/supply-chain/energy-sector-supply-chain-risk-questionnaire.xlsx>

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