



# Cyber-Informed Engineering

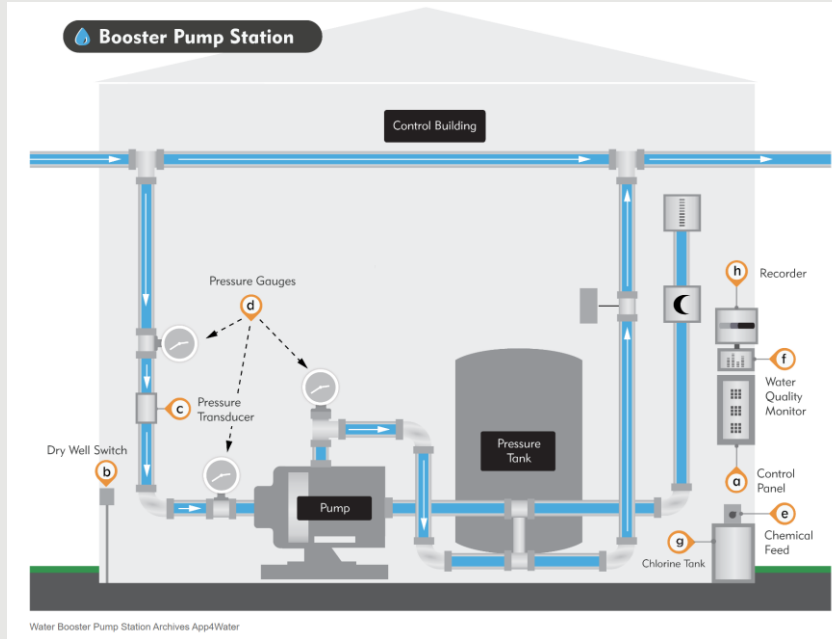
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# What is Cyber-Informed Engineering?

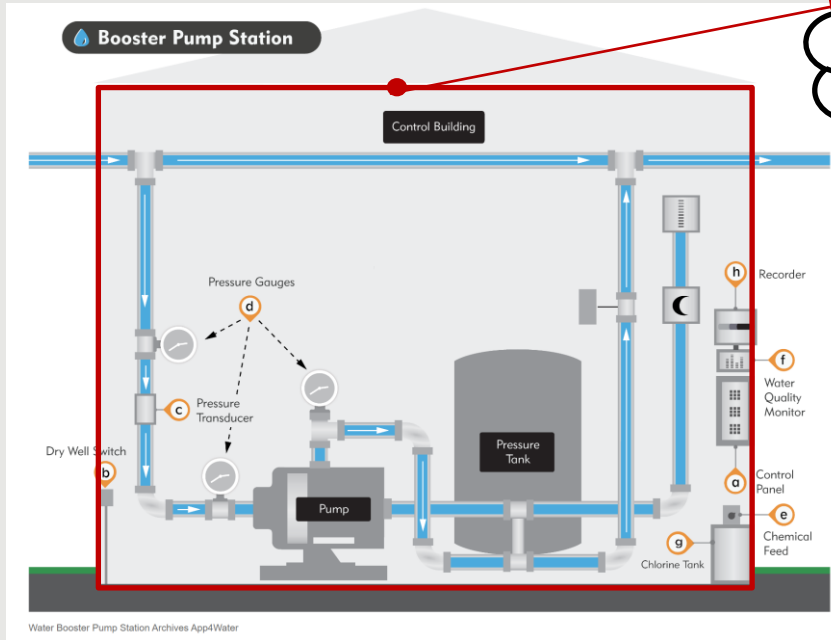
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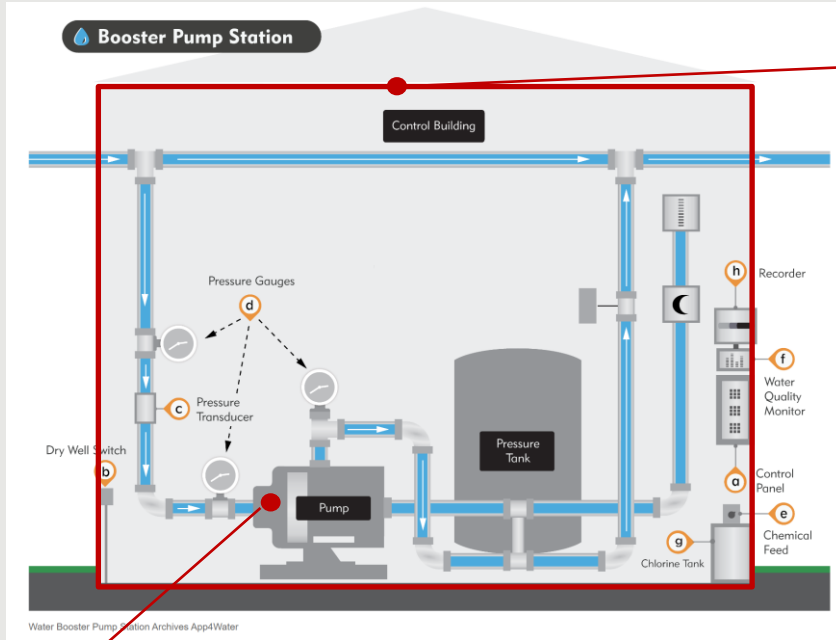
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Mechanical Time Delay Relay

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# Cyber-Informed Engineering (CIE)

- CIE uses **design decisions and engineering controls** to eliminate or mitigate avenues for cyber-enabled attack.
- CIE offers the opportunity to use engineering to **eliminate specific harmful consequences** throughout the **design and operation lifecycle**, rather than add cybersecurity controls after the fact.
- Focused on **engineers and technicians**, CIE provides a framework for cyber education, awareness, and accountability.
- CIE aims to align the **culture of security** with the existing industry safety culture.

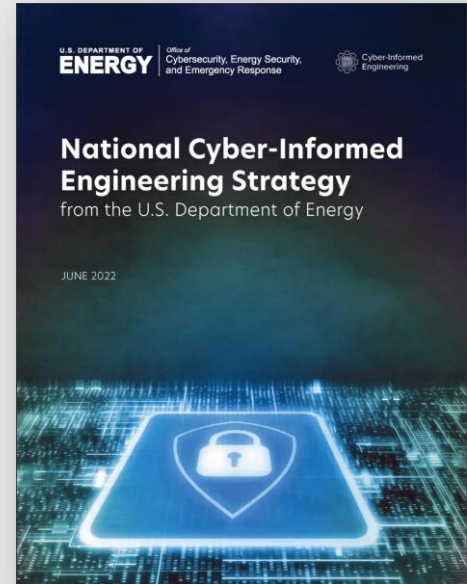




How is it being applied?

# National CIE Strategy

- Directed by the U.S. Congress in the Fiscal Year 2020 National Defense Authorization Act
- Outlines core CIE concepts
  - Defined by a set of design, operational, and organizational principles
  - Placed cybersecurity considerations at the foundation of control systems design and engineering
- Five integrated pillars offer recommendations to incorporate CIE as a common practice for control systems engineers
  - Intended to drive action across the industrial base stakeholders—government, owners and operators, manufacturers, researchers, academia, and training and standards organizations
- DOE issued the National CIE Strategy June 15, 2022
- CIE has been named in the National Cyber Strategy and the National Cyber Strategy Implementation Plan and in the report on cyber-physical systems by the President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology





# Pillars of the National CIE Strategy



## Awareness

Promulgate a universal and shared understanding of CIE



## Education

Embed CIE into formal education, training, and credentialing



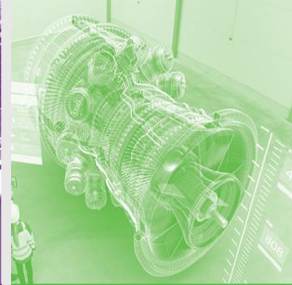
## Development

Build the body of knowledge by which CIE is applied to specific implementations



## Current Infrastructure

Apply CIE principles to existing systemically important critical infrastructure



## Future Infrastructure

Conduct R&D and develop an industrial base to build CIE into new infrastructure systems and emerging technology

# CIE Principles

PRINCIPLE	KEY QUESTION
<b>Consequence-Focused Design</b>	How do I understand what critical functions my system must <u>ensure</u> and the undesired consequences it must <u>prevent</u> ?
<b>Engineered Controls</b>	How do I implement controls to reduce avenues for attack or the damage which could result?
<b>Secure Information Architecture</b>	How do I prevent undesired manipulation of important data?
<b>Design Simplification</b>	How do I determine what features of my system are not absolutely necessary?
<b>Layered Defenses</b>	How do I create the best compilation of system defenses?
<b>Active Defense</b>	How do I proactively prepare to defend my system from any threat?
<b>Interdependency Evaluation</b>	How do I understand where my system can impact others or be impacted by others?
<b>Digital Asset Awareness</b>	How do I understand where digital assets are used, what functions they are capable of, and our assumptions about how they work?
<b>Cyber-Secure Supply Chain Controls</b>	How do I ensure my providers deliver the security we need?
<b>Planned Resilience</b>	How do I turn “what ifs” into “even ifs”?
<b>Engineering Information Control</b>	How do I manage knowledge about my system? How do I keep it out of the wrong hands?
<b>Cybersecurity Culture</b>	How do I ensure that everyone performs their role aligned with our security goals?

# CIE COP and Working Group Purpose

**Cyber-Informed Engineering COP**  
Quarterly  
11 AM ET on the 2nd Wednesday of January, April, July,  
and October

Multi-stakeholder team to aid the translation of CIE into technical requirements that can inform guidance, practices, and standards development

**CIE Standards WG**  
Monthly  
1st Wednesday, 9 AM MT / 11 AM ET

Support integration of CIE into engineering and cybersecurity standards

**CIE Education WG**  
Monthly  
3rd Wednesday, 9 AM MT / 11 AM ET

Develop curricula and materials that integrate CIE principles into engineering degree programs

**CIE Implementation WG**  
Monthly  
4th Wednesday, 9 AM MT / 11 AM ET

Develop CIE implementation guidance and an open-source library of resources

# CIE Implementation Guide

<https://www.osti.gov/servlets/purl/1995796>

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## PRINCIPLE 1 Consequences

### KEY QUESTION

**How do I understand consequences and the underlying risks?**

#### Principle Description

Apply CIE strategies first and foremost to the system performs. Typically these are functions subverted, could result in unacceptable or catastrophic organization, including undesired impacts to environment, availability or effectiveness of production, integrity, and public image. Use a structured approach in areas where digital technology is used within the system. Consider where an unprotected action or failure of digital technology might lead to a high-consequence event, including unauthorized system actions, invalid or automated action, or interdiction of a digitally enabled control that exist to minimize impacts of misuse. Controls are implemented via digital technology, a combination of both.

This list of high-impact consequences underpin the system perform throughout the system design lifecycle and their priority within each CIE principle. For the work above, engineers will consider engineering 2: Engineered Controls), that could either remove unprotected action or mitigate its consequences.

4 This idea aligns with ISA/IEC 62443 "Assess, Design, and Test" while the system may not have changed, the patches and the reassessment should be considered.

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PRINCIPLE PHASE  
**1 A**



PRINCIPLE 1: CONSEQUENCES  
CONCEPT PHASE (continued)

- 5 **What business consequences are there?**
  - a Which part of the system is most critical?
  - b Which results are most important to the business?
  - c Which consequences are most unacceptable or distinct from others?
- 6 **What regional or system failure modes are there?**
  - a What entities are involved?
  - b What changes are being made?
  - c What are the regional or system failure modes?
- 7 **What critical assets are there?**
  - a What violations are there?
  - b What are the critical assets?
- 8 **Where might critical assets be located?**
  - a At each instance?
  - b Where are the critical assets located?
- 9 **Are there adverse consequences?**
  - a What circuit or system is affected?
  - b In adverse consequences?
- 10 **What staffing or training requirements are there?**
  - a Where might support or training be needed?
  - b What are the staffing or training requirements?

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First point in the Engineering Lifecycle that the example is considered  
Continuation of the example through the Engineering Lifecycle

CIE Engineering Lifecycle

Concept	Requirements	Design	Development	Testing, Verification, Validation, and Deployment	Operations and Maintenance
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Water Sector Engineering Lifecycle

Planning Concept	Preliminary Design Report	Detailed Design	Construction and Commissioning	Operations and Maintenance
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PRINCIPLE	CIE CONTROL/MITIGATION EXAMPLE	Planning Concept	Preliminary Design Report	Detailed Design	Construction and Commissioning	Operations and Maintenance
<b>Principle 6: Active Defense</b>	<b>6-1</b> Implement an OT network monitoring solution. Design network to support data collection by sensors. Employ Zero Trust Architecture where possible.					
	<b>6-2</b> Generate documentation on how to detect early warning signs and how to block, disconnect, and isolate network connections/devices(s).					
<b>Principle 7: Interdependency Evaluation</b>	<b>7-1</b> Implement continuous inter-departmental training to build relationships between different disciplines which will facilitate communication during emergency situations.					
	<b>7-2</b> Ensure multiple sources are available for any dependency on outside inputs.					
<b>Principle 8: Digital Asset Awareness</b>	<b>8-1</b> Adopt a commercial off the shelf OT network monitoring solution that uses passive data collection to build an asset inventory.					
	<b>8-2</b> Regularly update the software and firmware on all devices found in the inventory					
<b>Principle 9: Cyber-Secure Supply Chain Controls</b>	<b>9-1</b> Include security requirements in RFPs and contracts, develop a Secure Software Lifecycle Development program and implement tight vendor controls.					
<b>Principle 10: Planned Resilience</b>	<b>10-1</b> Install hardware controls for all critical systems.					
	<b>10-2</b> Generate documentation and train staff to expect that any digital component can become compromised and lose functionality and know how to operate in manual.					

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# Recent CIE Publications

## Websites

- DOE CESER CIE Website – <https://www.energy.gov/ceser/cyber-informed-engineering>
- INL CIE Website - <https://inl.gov/cie/>
- NREL CIE Website - <https://www.nrel.gov/security-resilience/cyber-informed-engineering.html>

## Publications

- CIE Implementation Guide: [Cyber-Informed Engineering Implementation Guide \(Program Document\) | OSTI.GOV](#)
- CIE Workbook (Distribution, ADMS): <https://www.osti.gov/biblio/1986517>
- CIE Workbook (Microgrids): <https://www.osti.gov/biblio/2315001>

## Articles and Briefings

- SANS ICS Concepts Video: [https://youtu.be/o\\_vlxW6UTeg](https://youtu.be/o_vlxW6UTeg)
- Industrial Cyber: CIE and CCE Methodologies Can Deliver Engineered Industrial Systems for Holistic System Cybersecurity (June 11, 2023) with interviews from INL, 1898, and West Yost
- Harvard Business Review: [Engineering Cybersecurity into U.S. Critical Infrastructure](#) (April 17, 2023) by Ginger Wright, Andrew Ohrt, and Andy Bochman
- Shift Left video podcast on GrammaTech blog: [Shifting Left for Energy Security](#) (April 4, 2023) with Ginger Wright, Idaho National Lab and Marc Sachs, Auburn University
- For more CIE articles and publications, visit: [inl.gov/cie](https://inl.gov/cie)



Thank you!

To Join our Communities of Practice or ask questions about CIE, please email: [CIE@INL.gov](mailto:CIE@INL.gov)

# Current Activities

## Working with Standards Bodies

- IEEE PES, and others
- ISA99 – 62443

## Working with Universities

- Developing curriculum guidance
- Incorporating CIE into engineering education

## Working with Asset Owners

- Incorporate CIE into ongoing efforts
- Refine products
- Templates for cyber-informed designs

# OK, But How Do You CIE?

