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DuPage Water Commission statement regarding Cyber Security preparations

DuPage Water Commission statement regarding the increased frequency of cyber attacks on water systems in the United States

In the past few weeks there have been news reports of increasingly frequent cybersecurity events that affected water and wastewater facilities across the United States. Commission staff participated in a joint meeting with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to discuss the recent events, the cause of the breaches, and the recommended mitigations and best practices. DWC Commission staff verified all recommendations, and best practices are currently being met by existing DWC protocols and protection and measures.

DWC Chairman James Zay notes that the Commission has a strong cybersecurity posture and actively participates in employing emerging technology and engagement in regular training events held by partner organizations such as AWWA, CISA, EPA, and the FBI to ensure the DWC remains protected from threat actors. DWC retains and regularly updates a detailed risk and resiliency protocol for both cyber and physical security.

“Commission staff understand and take great pride in the critical service that we provide to the region and will remain ever vigilant in securing and protecting the system, and utilizing all available resources to retain and enhance full system monitoring and protection”, stated Zay.

Please direct any questions to the General Manager of the Water Commission.