

Smarter Together

*Building Cybersecurity in the
Water and Wastewater Industry*

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Why is cybersecurity important to water?



3 in 10 people worldwide lack access to safe drinking water



6 in 10 people worldwide lack access to safely managed sanitation services

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The key to solving the global water crisis lies with digital solutions

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Water systems operators can benefit in terms of economics and sustainability



Re-investment in capital assets



Security is the foundation for a successful digital transformation

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Over \$1 Trillion USD / 950 Billion €

Lost globally due to cybercrime, more than a 50% increase since 2018. Average cost per incident is over \$500k USD / 477 €.¹



Number of Threat Actors Increasing

7 threat actors shown to specifically target water and wastewater infrastructure globally^{2,3}



150 Vulnerable Products

Used in water and wastewater systems⁴



20,000 Utility Employees

Fear that cyber threats could have the biggest impact on operations⁵



3rd Most Targeted Sector

When compared to other critical infrastructure⁶



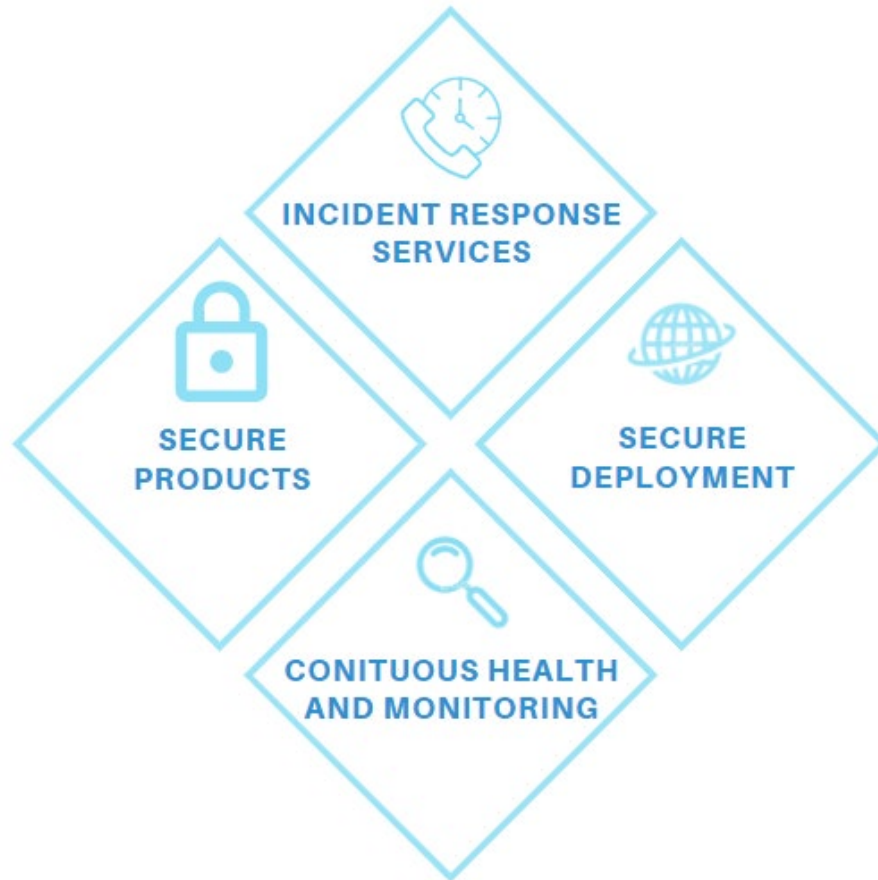
\$18.2 Million USD / 17.5 Million €

Lost due to the 2019 ransomware attack against a single water utility⁷

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Attacks on water infrastructure are already happening today.

What is successful cybersecurity?



Secure products by finding and fixing weaknesses while engineering



Secure deployments with defense-in-depth that manages risks to the operations of systems and products



Continuous health and monitoring ensures continuous improvement against emerging vulnerabilities and threats



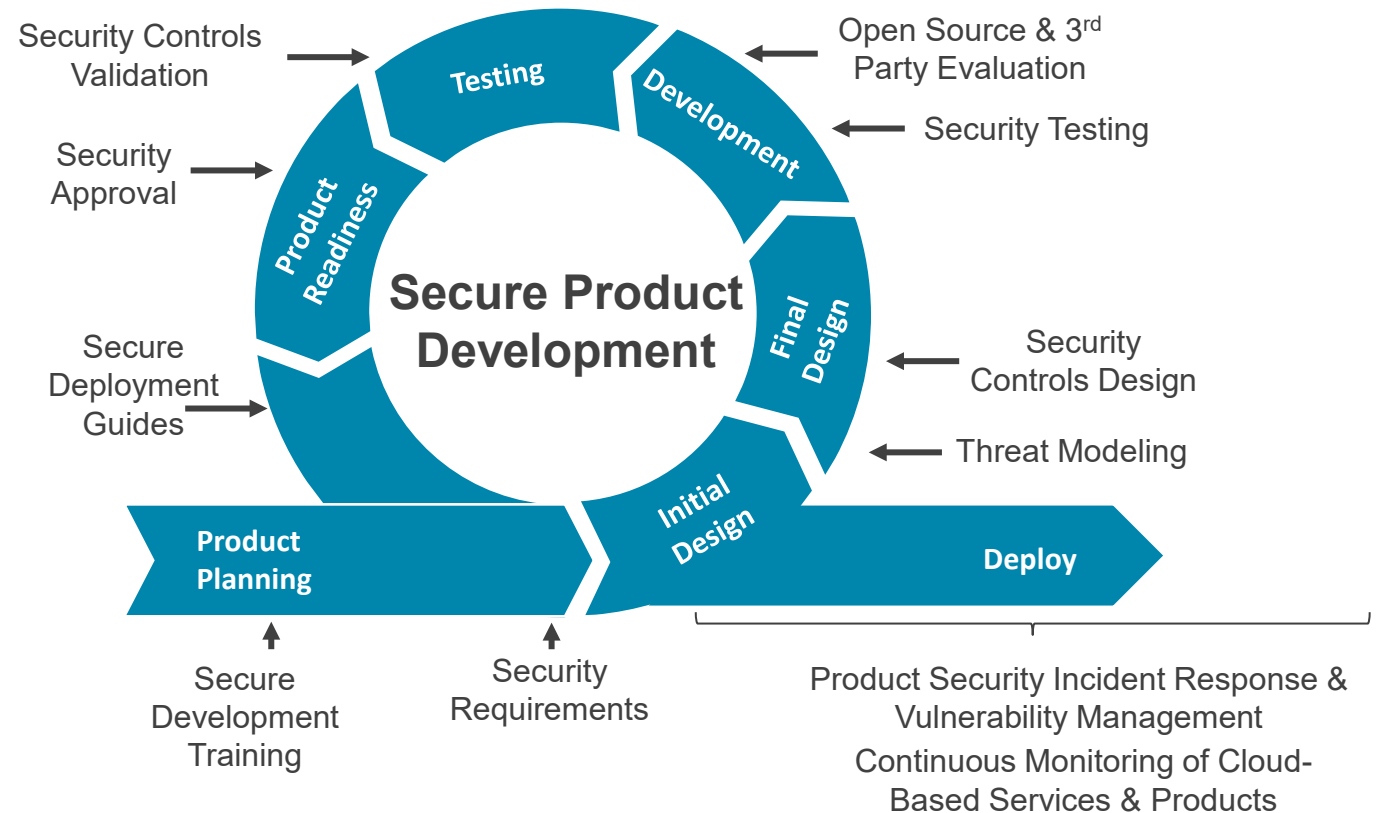
Incident response services assures optimal forensics and response for safe and continuous operations

The operator of the utility is the end owner of security risk, but responsibility for security protection falls on the product vendor, integrator, and operator.

Product Supplier Responsibilities

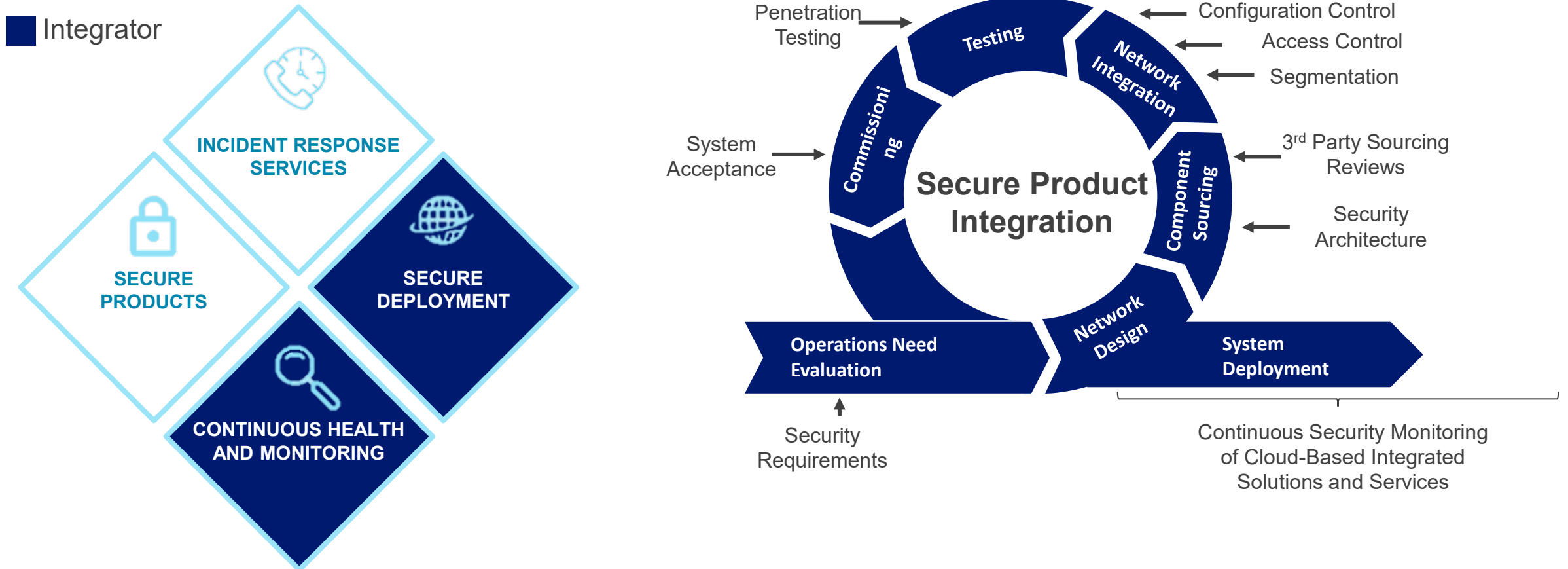
- Secure – By Design: *From Initial Concept to End of Life*
- Global Visibility – From emerging regulation, to localized threats
- Defended – With transparency

Product Supplier



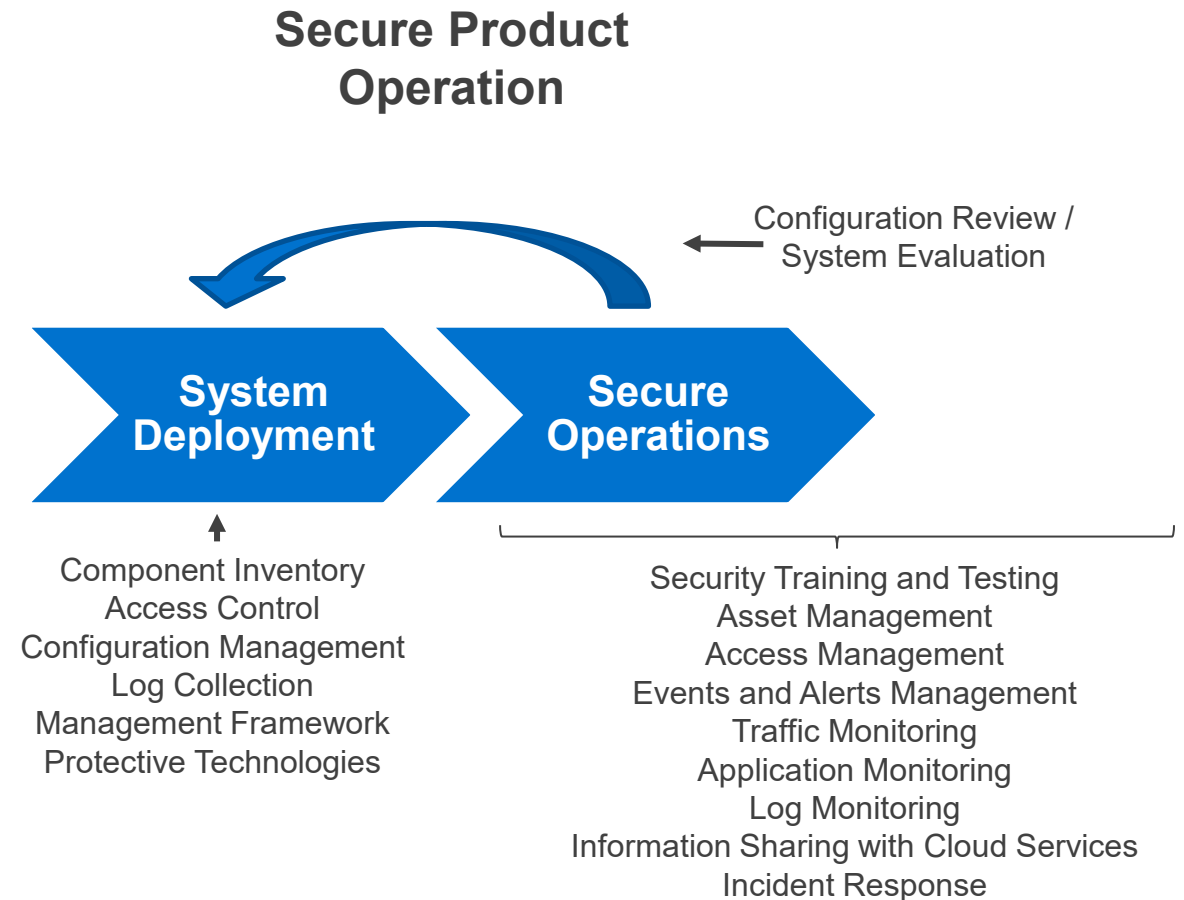
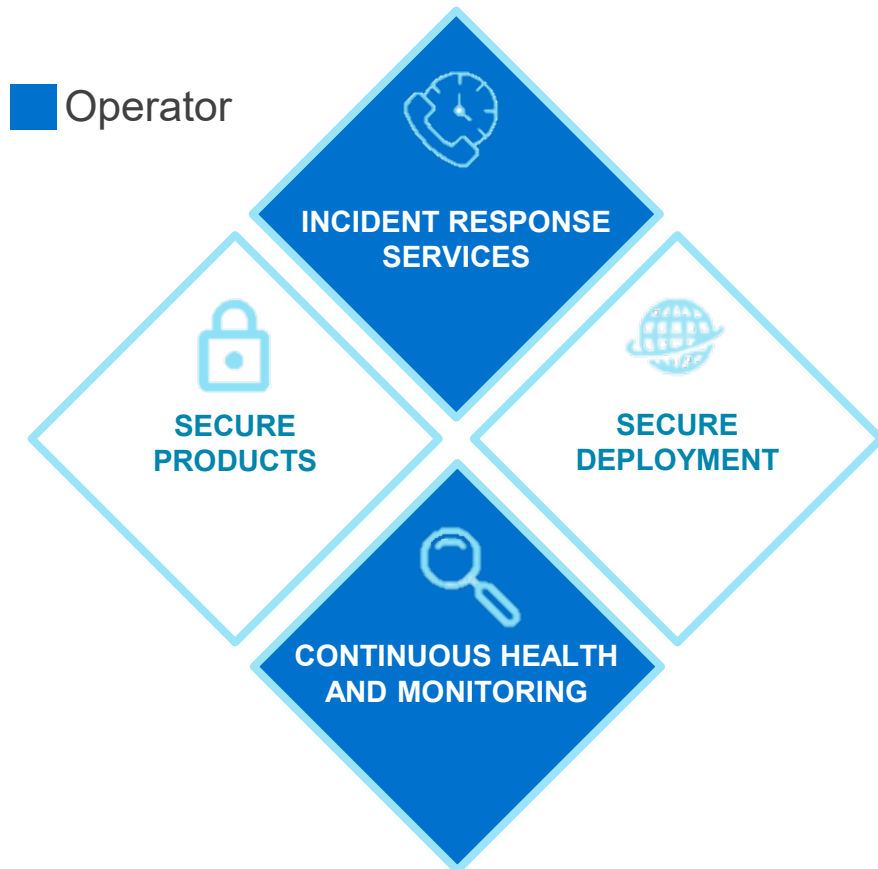
Integrators Responsibilities

- Secure Deployment
- Establish continuous health and monitoring: *Patch Management, Collection Management Framework, Access/Identity Evaluation, Anti-malware, Firewalls, Secure DMZ*



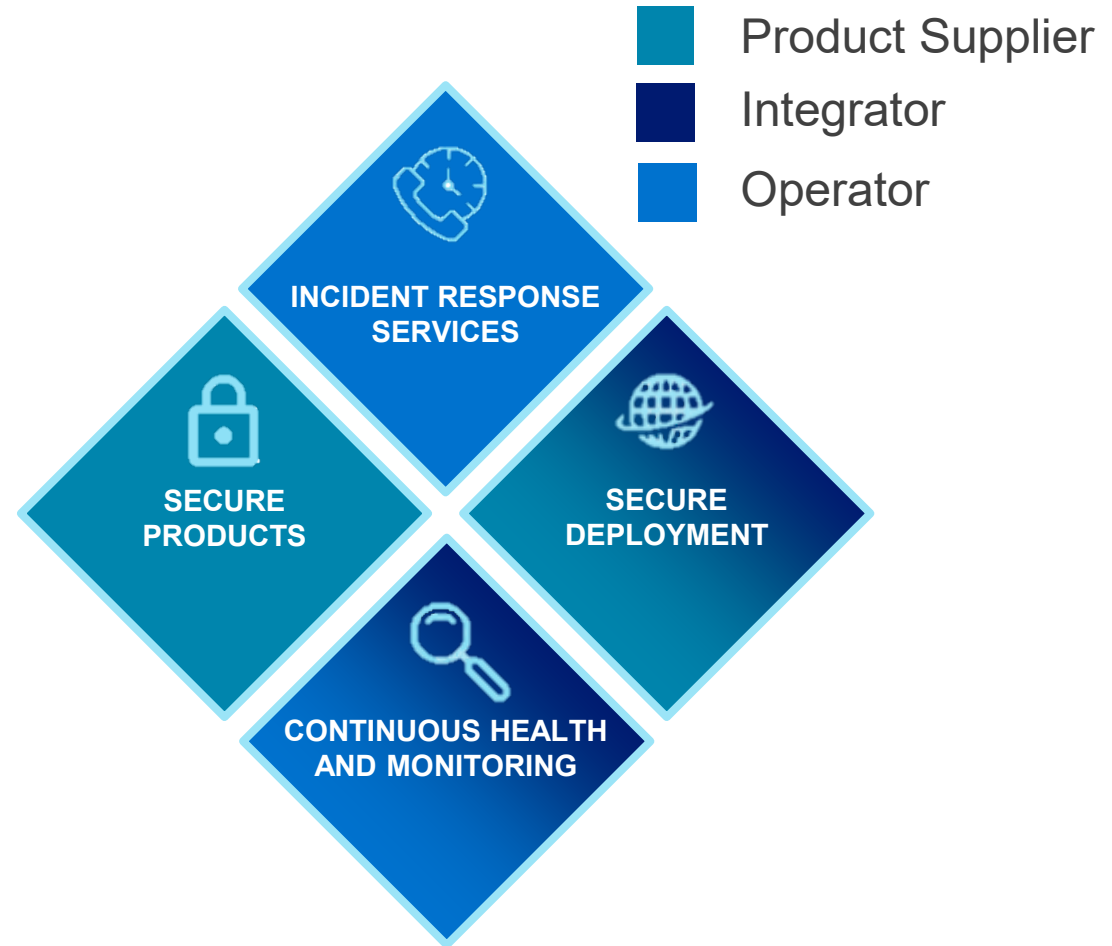
Operator Responsibilities

- Continuous health and monitoring strategies: *Log Monitoring, Event Monitoring, Backups, Patch Management, Anti-malware, Firewalls, Produce Reviews, Secure DMZ, External Reviews, Threat hunting*
- Incident response: *Log Management, Cyber Intel, Incident Reporting, Escalation Management, Security Exercises, Response and Recovery, Digital Forensics*



Closing: Strong Security Requires Partnership

1. **Digital transformation is necessary** to enable environmental and financial benefits in the water industry
2. Strong security will be built out through a **multi-barrier approach** involving **collaboration and engagement** across multiple parties
3. Industry focus should be on building **strong access control**, organizing **collection management and response**, and creating **strong IIOT-based reference architecture for evaluation**



Strong cyber security requires clearly defined roles for security management and partnerships across certain responsibilities.

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We offer these 5 Cybersecurity Assessment Services:

1. **Architecture Review** – *related to data flows*
2. **Vulnerability Review** – *checks customer's assets against cybersecurity databases (NVD, etc.) and recommends what needs to be fixed*
3. **Maturity Assessment** – *reviews customer's remediation skills and processes*
4. **Health Check** – *reviews deployed Xylem products to ensure their ongoing cybersecurity*
5. **Incident Response** - *based on prepaid retainer hours with specific response time service level agreement (SLA) commitments.*

Questions?

For more information, visit or contact us at:

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