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- 1400+ public power utilities
- Retail service in 49 states
- Very large to very small systems
- Median size: 1,977 meters
- 14.4% of sales to electric consumers







- 124 Municipal electric utilities
- 33 Municipal natural gas utilities
- Rochester 52,000 meters, Whalan 38 meters
- Median size: 1,256 meters
- Serve 375,00 meters total
- About 14% of Minnesota electrical load
- MMUA has Mutual Aid Agreements with all members

Cyber and Physical Preparedness



- Help members develop "allhazards" approach to disaster preparation and response
- Show federal and state policymakers public power's commitment to security and mutual aid
- Strengthen government/industry partnerships
- Minimize new federal regulation



DOE Cooperative Agreement Overview



Goal:

Develop a culture of cyber security within public power utilities.

Objective:

Engage with public power distribution utilities to understand their cyber security awareness, capabilities and risks.

Year 1 Tasks:

- 1. Cyber security risk assessments
- 2. Onsite cyber vulnerability assessments
- 3. Pilot existing and emerging security technologies
- 4. Improve how we communicate cyber threats

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- Use existing cybersecurity models to inform a product that is useable by all public power utilities
- Developed a self-assessment tool called the public power Cybersecurity Scorecard,
- Usable by small to mid-sized public power utilities to start evaluating their cybersecurity program.
- Also scalable where all public power utilities will find it useful.

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Foundational Cybersecurity Practices



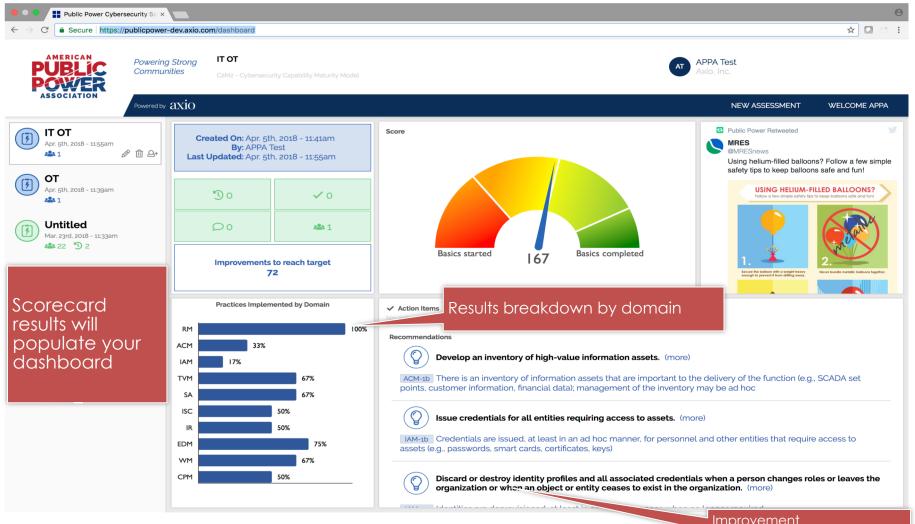
- Cyber Asset Inventory
- 2. Configuration Baseline
- Access Control
- 4. Vulnerability Management
- 5. Threat Management
- 6. Cyber Risk Management
- 7. Cyber Event Detection
- 8. Cyber Incident Response





- 1. Monitoring Cyber System Activity
- 2. Cyber Threat and Event Information Sharing
- 3. Supply Chain Risk
- 4. Workforce Management and Cybersecurity Training
- 5. Cybersecurity Program Management





Improvement recommendations based on scorecard responses



Cybersecurity Resources

- Share best practices using the Scorecard platform
- Develop a roadmap to guide public power utilities in developing their cybersecurity programs
- Continue onsite cybersecurity assessments to conduct a deep dive at select utilities
- Consider development of a public power cyber asset tracking system.



Resources Page:

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Questions?





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