Opportunity for Free 3-Day, In-Person Cybersecurity Training:
U.S. Department of Energy Cybersecurity Training for the Utility Workforce

Key Highlights

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is offering free cybersecurity training specifically for electric utility staff with the goal of "…strengthening the security posture of electric utilities."

- These training events are open to technical practitioners from all electric utilities, including electric cooperative, public power, investor-owned, and tribal utilities.
- **Registration for these training events is free.** Participants are responsible for their own travel, lodging, and meal costs.
- The training is offered by the DOE Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (CESER) in partnership with the Idaho National Laboratory (INL).
- Six training events are scheduled to take place at locations around the country. **The training material will be the same at each event.** The focus of the training is on cybersecurity across industrial control systems (ICS) and operational technology (OT), information technology (IT) and grid operations.
- Registration for the first three events, happening October through November 2023, is open now at: https://www.eventleaf.com/c/CybersecurityTrainingUtilityWorkforce. Registration for the remaining three sessions, occurring in 2024, will open soon.

Overview

The U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (CESER) in partnership with Idaho National Laboratory (INL) is offering free 3-day, in-person cybersecurity for the utility workforce. The aim is to strengthen the security posture of electric utilities.

This training is offered as part of DOE's Rural and Municipal Utility Advanced Cybersecurity Grant and Technical Assistance (RMUC) Program, [1] funded under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

[1] https://www.energy.gov/ceser/rural-and-municipal-utility-advanced-cybersecurity-grant-and-technical-assistance-rmuc

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Details

The training offers a combination of lecture and hands-on exercises for technical practitioners, with a focus on cybersecurity across industrial control systems (ICS) and operational technology (OT), information technology (IT) and grid operations. All trainings cover the same information, and the agenda is available via the location's registration link.[2] Snapshot of the agenda is included at the end of this Advisory in the Appendix.

Similar to NRECA's RC3 Program course offerings a few years ago, this is an exceptional opportunity for free, high-quality cybersecurity training, to increase your cooperative's cybersecurity posture.

Locations and Dates		
Tuesday – Thursday	October 31 – November 2, 2023	Columbus, OH
Tuesday – Thursday	November 28-30, 2023	Orlando, FL
Tuesday – Thursday	December 5-7, 2023	Kansas City, MO
Wednesday – Friday	January 17-19, 2024	San Diego, CA
Tuesday – Thursday	January 23-25, 2024	Dallas, TX
Tuesday – Thursday	April 23-25, 2024	Buffalo, NY

Logistic information for each location is provided through the registration link as well; discounts on hotel and parking, etc. are noted by location.

Registration and information:

- Website: https://www.eventleaf.com/c/CybersecurityTrainingUtilityWorkforce
- Contact: U.S. Department of Energy, CESER: CESER.RMUC@hq.doe.gov

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[2] https://www.eventleaf.com/Attendee/Attendee/EventPage?eId=Fh92gMSBmEB3GDhle9ngkg%3D%3D

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Appendix: Snapshot of the DOE Cybersecurity Training Agenda

DOE Suggested Schedule by Utility Role: DAY 1

ICS Practitioners and Utility Leadership:

- DOE CyberStrike

New to ICS and Cybersecurity Professionals:

- ICS Foundations

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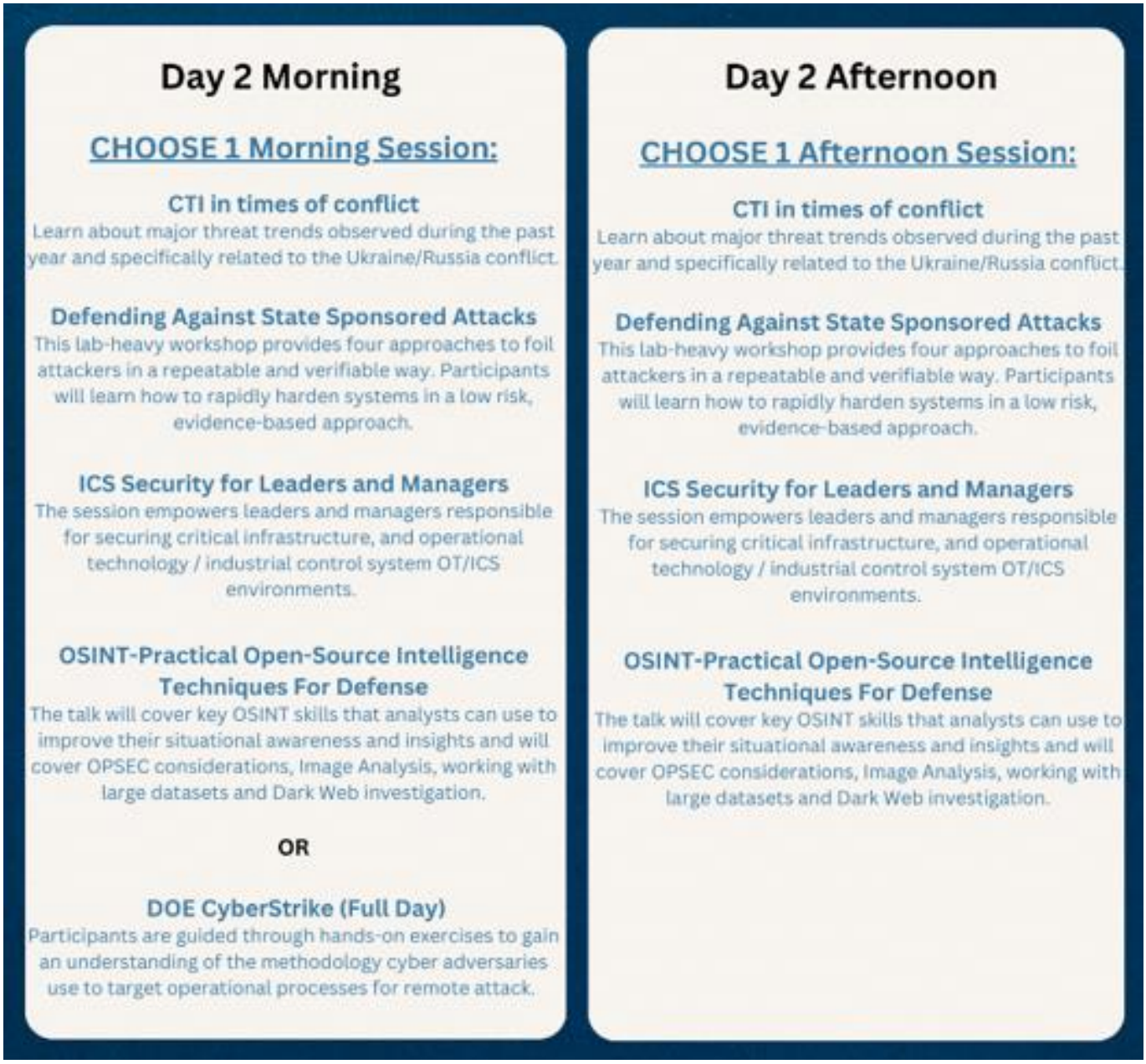

DOE Suggested Schedule by Utility Role: DAY 2

New to ICS: DOE Cyberstrike

ICS Practitioners: Pick 2 Half-Day Workshops Aligned with Job Role

Cybersecurity Professionals: Pick 2 Half-Day Workshops Aligned with Job Role

Utility Leadership: OSINT & ICS Leadership Half-Day Workshops

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DOE Suggested Schedule by Utility Role: DAY 3

New to ICS:
Team Up & Learn / Share Hands-On Challenges

ICS Practitioners:
Test Your Skills & Play as Individual Against Peers

Cybersecurity Professionals:
Team Up & Learn / Share Hands-On Challenges

Utility Leadership:
Team Up & Learn / Share Hands-On Challenges

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