

New RC3 Cybersecurity Tabletop Exercise Scenarios Available for Virtual Use

NRECA's RC3 Cybersecurity Tabletop (TTX) Toolkit, developed with Delta Risk, LLC, provides relevant cybersecurity incident scenarios with real world implications to help your cooperative improve your cybersecurity posture. Three new scenarios have just been released. ***The RC3 TTX scenarios can be conducted in a virtual environment through a coordinated web conference and do not require participants to assemble at the same location.***

- [RC3 Cybersecurity Tabletop Exercise Toolkit](#)
- [Contacts for Questions: Adaora Ifebigh and Cynthia Hsu](#)

Electric Vehicle Service Equipment Load Control Case Studies

As the pace of adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) continues to increase across the country, so too does the electricity needed to charge them. The time of day that EV charging occurs can make a difference for co-ops from a cost perspective. This new report presents how co-ops can develop programs that ensure the adoption of EVs is beneficial for both members and the co-op.

- [Report](#)
- [Contact: Brian Sloboda](#)

Webinar April 8: New Approaches to Communicating Rate Changes

More and more co-ops are using innovative rate designs, and communicating new rates to consumer-members can be daunting. Join us **Wednesday, April 8 at 2:00 p.m. ET** for a webinar on designing a

Webinar Opportunities

- **Webinar Series: Mitigating Bird Issues**
On Demand
- **Webinar: Communicating Rate Changes**
April 8
- **Webinar: Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM)**
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strategic communications plan, the value of offering members options, and the value of personalization. Cobb EMC and Mid-Carolina EC, who were featured in our recent case studies, will share important lessons for success.

- [Webinar Registration](#)
- [Cobb EMC Case Study](#)
- [Mid-Carolina EC Case Study](#)
- Contact: [Adaora Ifebigh](#) and [Allison Hamilton](#)

Tools to Help Members Manage Energy Expenses

Electric co-ops pioneered the use of prepaid metering, proactive bill notifications and energy assistance programs to help consumer-members budget their energy expenses. Programs like these can help consumer-members manage their electricity bills during these extraordinary times. Find out more in this new advisory.

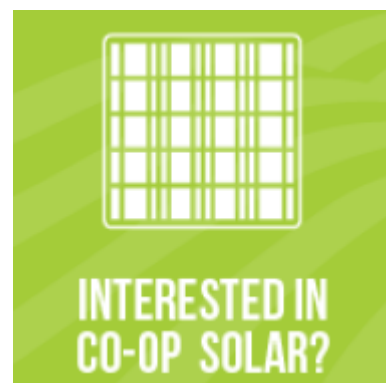
- [Advisory](#)
- Contact: [Brian Sloboda](#)

RC3 Online Cybersecurity Self-Assessment License Program – Application Deadline Extended to May 15

NRECA worked with Axio Global, Inc. to develop an online version of the RC3 Cybersecurity Self-Assessment, providing enhanced features not feasible in the hardcopy version. Co-ops can now apply as a group to receive a free, multi-year group license to access this new online version. Over 300 cooperatives received online access through group licenses in the First Round; and applications for additional cooperatives to participate are welcome during this Second Round. Given the current business challenges posed by COVID-19, we have extended the deadline for applications to **Friday, May 15**.

- [Advisory with More Details and Link to Application](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- Contact: [Cynthia Hsu](#)

Best Practice Guidelines for Steam Turbines



Generation and transmission cooperatives with significant renewable generation in their service areas may need to perform cyclic operations with steam turbines never designed for such thermal and pressure stresses. Resulting core problems, if left unchecked, can lead to outages. This new *Surveillance* article series reviews the complexity of power plant operation in cycling modes and provides maintenance strategies, based on the CEATI Thermal Generation Interest Group's report: *Best Practice Guidelines for the Operation of Steam Turbines and Auxiliary Plants*.

- [Article 1: Steam Turbines: Operating Challenges in Plant Cycling Modes](#)
- [Article 2: Steam Turbine Maintenance: Knowing What Components to Service and When](#)
- Contact: [Dan Walsh](#)

April 30 Webinar on Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM)

Join us on **April 30 at 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET** for a webinar on Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM): Tactics, Benefits and Communication. You will hear about who uses IVM and common practices; cost savings, safety, risk management, and conservation; and how to communicate the benefits of IVM to the public for understanding and support. **The webinar is free for NRECA members.**

- [Webinar Registration](#)
- Contacts: [Patti Metro](#) and [Stephanie Crawford](#)

Viable Fuel Alternatives to Diesel Trucks

Battery electric vehicles for commercial applications are here today and are a growing alternative to traditional gasoline, diesel, alternative fuel, and hybrid powertrains. By co-op staff engaging early with fleet owners, they can better understand their choices and the advantages that electric trucks might provide. This new advisory shares information from The North American Council for Freight Efficiency on alternative fuels and the advantages and disadvantages of each.

- [Advisory](#)
- [Market Potential for Commercial Electric Trucking Website](#)
- Contact: [Brian Sloboda](#)

2020 National Compensation System – Data Now Available

The National Compensation System (NCS) is a key budgeting tool that provides comprehensive benchmark salary information compiled from NRECA member electric cooperatives across the country. This user-friendly system is accessible anywhere via your secure Cooperative.com login and allows users to customize their data search and export individual reports into a variety of formats. The latest distribution data launched on March 31.

- [More information](#)
- Contact: [Ginny Beauchemin](#)

Webinar Series On Demand: Mitigating Bird Issues with Electric Infrastructure

With nationwide declines of avian species and potential changes to federal regulations, continued and increased scrutiny of electric industry impacts to birds is expected. Listen to our recent webinar series on emerging avian issues and the new NRECA Avian Protection Toolkit at your convenience On Demand.

- [Webinar Information and Registration](#)
- Contacts: [Patti Metro](#) and [Janelle Lemen](#)

Beneficial Electrification with Dual Fuel Home Heating

There are several benefits of dual fuel space heating instead of all-electric space heating, including resiliency, allowing consumer-members to adapt to changing temperatures, and improving comfort while still providing an opportunity for beneficial electrification. Learn more about this technology and applications specifically for colder climates in this new *Surveillance* article.

- [Article](#)
- Contacts: [Keith Dennis](#) and [Maria Kanevsky](#)

Insights from TechAdvantage® Panel on AR and VR

Machine Learning, Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) are changing the way cooperatives do business and offer opportunities to engage with members. This new advisory shares some key takeaways from a panel at TechAdvantage® on Machine Learning and AR/VR, featuring Jo-Carroll Energy, Powder River Energy, and Tri-State.

- [Advisory](#)

- Contact: [Adaora Ifebigh](#)

2021 TechAdvantage® Call for Presentations

TechAdvantage® 2021 invites you to submit a proposal for presentation during the Conference, which will be held at the San Diego Convention Center, February 21 – 24, 2021. This is an unparalleled opportunity to share your knowledge and expertise with key electric cooperative CEOs and professionals in engineering, operations, IT, supply management and energy services.

- [Website](#)
- Contact: [Mary Ackleson](#)

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