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America's Electric Cooperatives

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CYBERSECURITY

Programs and Efforts



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Project Guardian 61-7A

Project Guardian 61-7A is multi-faceted cybersecurity program funded under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (CESER). Through this effort, NRECA is leading a Working Group including distribution, generation and transmission members. **The program is focused on ensuring that no co-op is left behind,** and developing frameworks for four key focus areas: Cyber Champions; Threat Analysis Center Content Expansion; Cyber Resilience Initiative; and Education, Training and Workforce Development. Learn more on our website: cooperative.com/guardian.

Backdoors & Breaches—A Cooperative Cyber Incident Response Game



Backdoors & Breaches is an incident response card game that transforms traditional tabletop exercises into an engaging, team-based experience rooted in real-world cyber incidents. In collaboration with Black Hills Information Security, NRECA worked with members to develop a Backdoors and Breaches custom card deck specifically for the electric cooperative community, highlighting the NRECA Cyber Goals directly into gameplay. This integration aligns incident response activities with the 20 Cyber Goals, making training more practical, relevant, and easier to apply across co-op environments.

The game is discussion-driven, collaborative and realistic, providing a low-pressure environment to practice incident response, strengthen communication, and build confidence across teams. Co-ops interested in Backdoors & Breaches, contact our team at membersecurity@nreca.coop.

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ADDITIONAL INDUSTRY OFFERING

Cyber Mutual Assistance (CMA)

The CMA Program is offered through the Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council (ESCC), and is a trusted community for sharing cybersecurity threats, conducting exercises and enhancing preparedness efforts in a trusted, confidential environment. Participating utilities build connections with industry experts who can provide voluntary assistance in the event of cyber incidents.

All electric cooperatives, regardless of size, are eligible to join the CMA Program at no cost. Find out more on our website at: cooperative.com/cma, and sign up at: www.electricitysubsector.org/cma.

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OTHER FEDERAL PROJECTS

$70 Million IN FUNDING RELEASED

CYBER SUPPORT

The Department of Energy announced in January 2026 that $70 million in funding for the Rural and Municipal Utility Cybersecurity Program is being released. This funding supports critical cybersecurity programs at NRECA and member cooperatives.

STRATEGIC PROGRAM FOR ADVANCING RURAL KNOWLEDGE (SPARK)

NRECA Research will support rural utilities' efforts to increase the quality of appropriate and affordable security education by providing participating cooperatives with access to high-quality training on various cybersecurity topics.

400+ COOPERATIVE MEMBERS signed up to participate

TRUSTED INDUSTRIAL CONTROL CYBERSECURITY COMMUNITY—THREAT ANALYSIS CENTER (TICCC-TAC)

375+ COOPERATIVE MEMBERS have signed up to participate

Through this initiative, NRECA Research will enhance and expand the TAC program to better serve the co-op community through platform and service expansion over 3 years. A key proposed feature of this expansion will be the Peer-to-Peer Analyst ecosystem that will empower co-ops to support each other in event triage and intelligence sharing.

Stay tuned for developments with these efforts through our website: cooperative.com/cybersecurity.

NRECA Cybersecurity offers resources and training opportunities specifically designed to provide cooperatives with tools they can use to improve their cybersecurity posture. Through our federally funded cybersecurity research and partnerships with public and private stakeholders, NRECA Cybersecurity creates products and services that meet the unique needs of our members and help them prepare for existing and potential threats to their reliability and security.

Some of NRECA's cybersecurity efforts are conducted through NRECA Research, a not-for-profit entity established in 2019 to complement the resources and services provided by NRECA to address the specific needs of electric cooperatives.

Co-op Cyber Goals Program

NRECA's Co-op Cyber Goals Program defines specific cybersecurity goals aimed at helping co-ops achieve high-priority security measures and creates a benchmark for implementing cybersecurity fundamentals.

This program was created by NRECA as a voluntary way for co-ops to advance their cybersecurity. Over 450 cooperatives have joined NRECA's Co-op Cyber Goals Program to date. Those completing the goals receive a digital badge and commemorative coin, and are recognized in a ceremony at our Co-op Cyber Tech conference. **We encourage all co-ops to participate in this self-paced program.** Find out more at: cooperative.com/cybergoals.

NRECA Co-op Cyber Tech Conference

This annual three-day technical conference is for all NRECA members and supporting organizations with the goal of improving co-op cybersecurity. Here, we build a community of cyber practitioners through opportunities for professional development and collaboration.

Join us for our next Co-op Cyber Tech!
For more information and registration:
visit: cooperative.com/cybertech.

NEW! NRECA Member Cybersecurity Virtual Office Hours

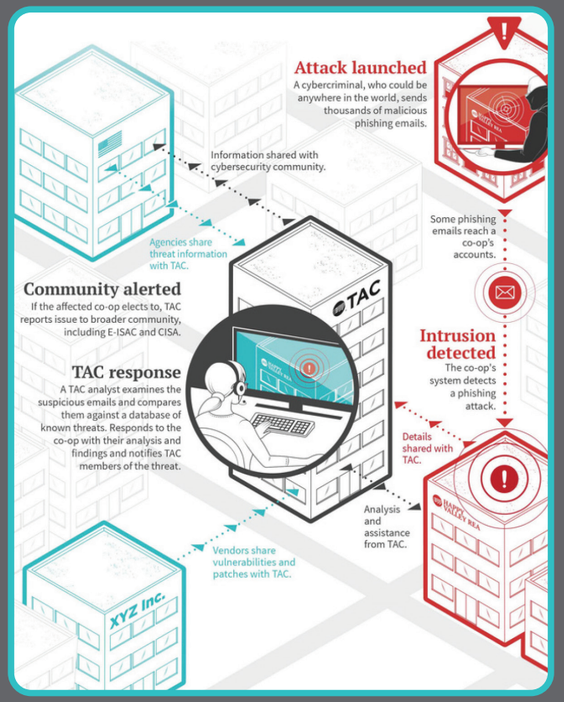
Join us on the last Friday of every month 2-3 p.m. ET for our Member Cybersecurity Virtual Office Hours!

The NRECA Cybersecurity Team is now offering time on the last Friday of every month for an open door Virtual Office Hours. Come get to know us, ask questions, and join discussion about our programs and initiatives. The TAC team will be there too to help with platform issues and questions. This is open to all NRECA voting members. Attendance by any vendor or other external participant will be announced ahead of the session. Reach out to membersecurity@nreca.coop to receive access information.

(Note: The November and December 2026 sessions will be combined and held on Dec. 4th at 2-3 p.m. ET.)

Threat Analysis Center (TAC)

The NRECA Threat Analysis Center is a subscription-based service offering designed to bring tailored cybersecurity intelligence and resources to the cooperatives, allowing utilities to focus on the information relevant to them and find a secure community of support. To learn more about TAC and how to sign up, visit our website at cooperative.com/TAC. For questions or inquiries, please contact our team at TAC@nreca.coop.



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