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Information Technology Services Division

NOTICE TO NATURAL GAS PRODUCERS, GAS FACILITY OPERATORS, GAS PIPELINE FACILITY OPERATORS, and TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION DESIGNATED CRITICAL PIPELINE OWNERS AND OPERATORS

Cybersecurity Best Practices for Critical Pipeline Infrastructure

Given the current geopolitical environment, the Railroad Commission of Texas reminds all stakeholders to review and enforce the security directives applicable to all Transportation Security Administration (TSA) designated critical pipeline owners and operators. Please refer to the following sources for information about current cyber threats and vulnerabilities:

- The White House — *Statement by President Biden on our Nation's Cybersecurity:* https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/03/21/statement-by-president-biden-on-our-nations-cybersecurity/ (Issued March 21, 2022)

- U.S. Department of Homeland Security — *DHS Announces New Cybersecurity Requirements for Critical Pipeline Owners and Operators*: https://www.dhs.gov/news/2021/07/20/dhs-announces-new-cybersecurity-requirements-critical-pipeline-owners-and-operators (Released July 20, 2021)

- The White House — *Executive Order on Improving the Nation's Cybersecurity* (requiring agencies to enhance cybersecurity and software supply chain integrity): https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/05/12/executive-order-on-improving-the-nations-cybersecurity/ (Issued May 12, 2021)

Pipeline owners and operators should monitor operations and practice safe cyber hygiene to protect critical pipeline and energy infrastructure and assets from potential security breaches and ransomware attacks.

The federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) offers several free cyber hygiene vulnerability scanning and web application services to help critical infrastructure and private organizations reduce their exposure to threats by taking a proactive approach to mitigating attack vectors. To view the Pipeline Cybersecurity Resources Library, visit the CISA website at https://www.cisa.gov/pipeline-cybersecurity-library.

For more information about CISA's free services, email vulnerability_info@cisa.dhs.gov.

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