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More Than 70% of Surveyed Water Systems Failed to Meet EPA Cyber Standards.

The agency says it will take certain enforcement actions in cases where there is imminent danger from a cyberthreat against water infrastructure.

Over 70% of water systems surveyed since last September failed to meet certain security standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency, exposing them to cyberattacks that can cripple wastewater and water sanitation systems around the country, the EPA said Monday.

Some facilities have “critical” vulnerabilities spotted in recent EPA inspections, including default passwords that were used to log into platforms and other operational technology during first-time setup but were never updated with new credentials.

The figure was part of an enforcement alert issued by the agency urging water system owners and operators to shore up their networks’ security by taking inventory of their operational assets, conducting cybersecurity awareness training and transitioning certain systems off the internet, among other things.

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