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## **Feds Want to Help Prevent Cyberattacks On the Water Sector.**

**The National Institute of Standards and Technology is seeking input on guidelines for mitigating the risks of cyberattacks on water and wastewater systems.**

The National Institute of Standards and Technology is wading into the water sector with its first-ever cybersecurity framework designed specifically for water infrastructure.

NIST's National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence is seeking input from technology vendors, water sector members and other key stakeholders on a new practical reference design for mitigating cyber risks in water and wastewater systems.

Jim McCarthy, a NIST senior security engineer and the lead federal researcher for the project, told Nextgov/FCW that the goal is to provide the water and wastewater sector with practical examples of commercial tools and technologies that can be used to prevent major cyber intrusions.

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