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Large Entity Use-Case Webinar:  
Conducting Supply Chain Supplier Assessments


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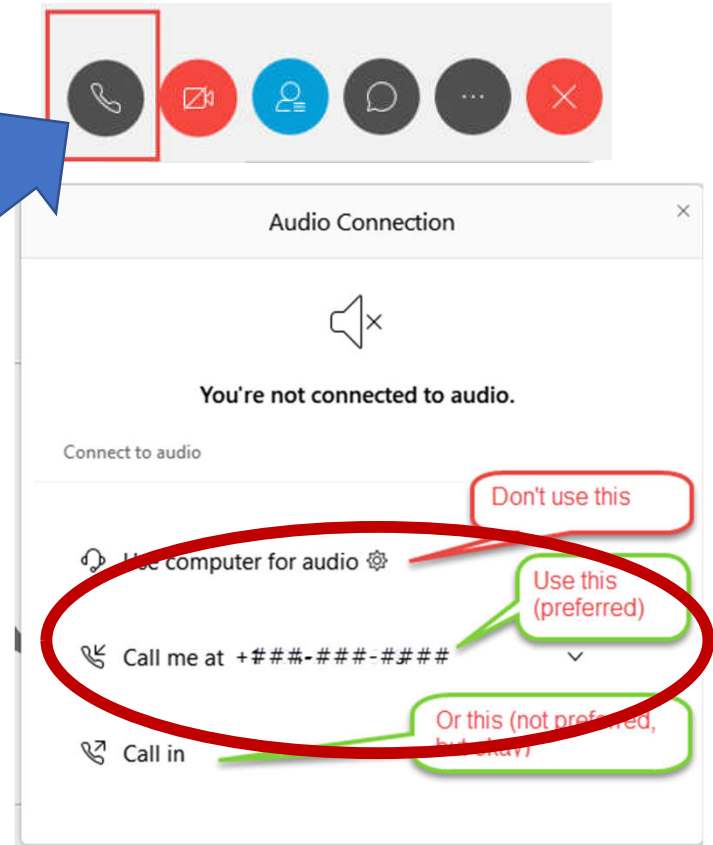
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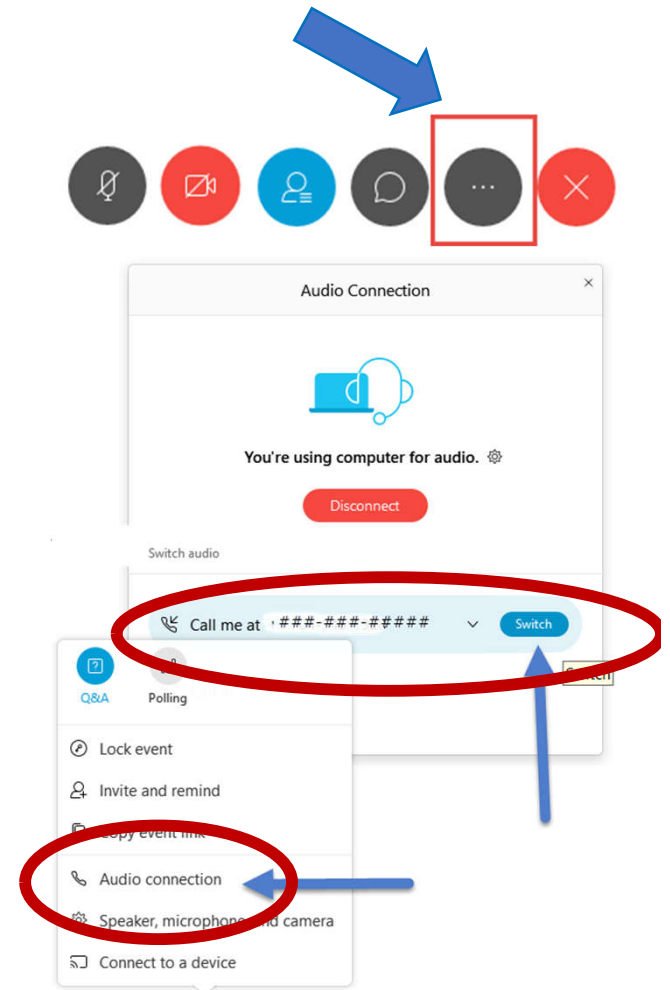
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# Agenda Overview

- Introduction of NATF Supply Chain Activities
- Exelon presentation
- Q&A

# Objectives

## Security

- Identifying and addressing cyber security risks introduced via supply chain

## Industry Convergence

- Achieve industry convergence on the approach (Model) to facilitate addressing the following objectives

## Efficiency and Effectiveness

- Convergence on common approaches to achieve reasonable assurance of suppliers' security practices

## Compliance

- Implementation guidance to meet supply chain related CIP standards (CIP-013-1; CIP-005-6 R2.4; CIP-010-3 R1.6)

# Supplier Assessment Model Process Overview



# Possible Assessment Process with EO Criteria



# Collect Information

- **Collect it yourself**
  - NATF Cyber Security Criteria for Suppliers
  - Energy Sector Supply Chain Questionnaire
  - Supplement with
    - Historical knowledge
    - Open source research
- **Use a solution-provider service**



# Methods to Obtain Assurance of Accuracy

- **Third-party Assessments**
  - *Obtain a qualified assessors' third-party assessment, certification and/or independent audit that addresses NATF Criteria and Questionnaire*
- **Obtain a validation/verification from a solution provider**
  - *Solution-provider risk assessments*
  - *Shared assessments*
- **Conduct your own validation/verification**
  - *Obtain evidence from supplier to conduct your own validation/verification*

# NATF-hosted Industry Organizations Web Page

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## Supply Chain Cyber Security Industry Coordination

### The Industry Organizations Collaboration Effort

The NATF and other industry organizations are working together to provide a streamlined, effective, and efficient industry-accepted approach for entities to assess supplier cyber security practices. The model, if applied widely, will reduce the burden on suppliers so their efforts with purchasers can be prioritized and entities can be provided with more information effectively and efficiently. The industry organizations collaboration effort is focused on improving cyber security, and assisting registered entities with compliance to regulatory requirements.

Each of the industry organizations and many individual entities are working on solutions for various stages of the supply chain cyber security risk assessment lifecycle. These solutions are brought together in this effort to provide a cohesive approach. This approach may change over time as it matures but staying cohesive will be key to maintaining streamlined effective and efficient cyber security.

This website provides information on the approach (also referred to as the "model"), projects/activities that have been accomplished, and projects/activities in progress, upcoming presentations, links and contact information, and recent news.

#### The Model

- NATF Supplier Cyber Security Assessment Model Overview
- Supplier Cyber Security Assessment Model
- NATF Cyber Security Criteria for Suppliers
- Energy Sector Supply Chain Risk Questionnaire (Unformatted, Formatted)

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#### Resources

- Contributing Organizations
- NERC Supply Chain Working Group (SCWG) Security Guidelines
- NERC Supply Chain Risk Mitigation Program Initiatives Webpage
- EI Model Procurement Contract Language Addressing Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk V2
- Understanding Third-Party Assessments

#### Projects

Projects/Activities (in Progress or Upcoming)

#### Upcoming Meetings and Activities

- July 31 - Supply Chain Cyber Security: A Review of NATF Activities
- August 5 - Conducting Supply Chain Supplier Assessments: Medium and Small Entity Use Cases
- August 12 - Conducting Supply Chain Supplier Assessments: Medium and Small Entity Use Cases, Part 2
- August 25 - Conducting Supply Chain Supplier Assessments: Large Entity Use Case, Part 2 - Exelon

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#### Announcements

May 18, 2020

##### NATF Posts Energy Sector Supply Chain Risk Questionnaire

The Energy Sector Supply Chain Risk Questionnaire has been completed! We now have a complementary tool for the NATF Criteria to obtain information from suppliers - one that should help drive convergence in the industry regarding the information needed from suppliers.

This new open-source questionnaire to support supply chain cyber security risk assessments, developed by a group of more than 20 U.S. energy companies, is now available for your consideration and potential use. This questionnaire, called the Energy Sector Supply Chain Risk Questionnaire ("ESSCRQ" or "Questionnaire"), was

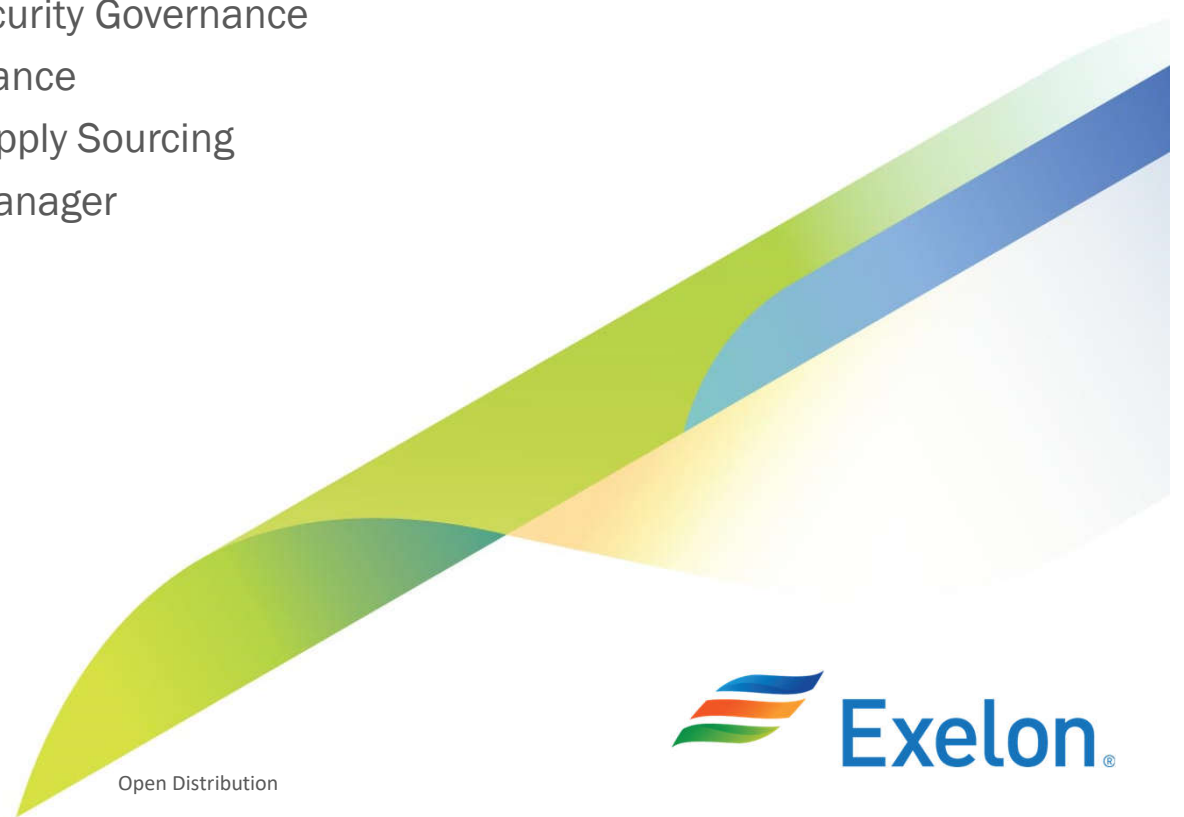
# Exelon – Post CIP 13 Implementation

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## SRA – Top 8 “Knockout” Questions

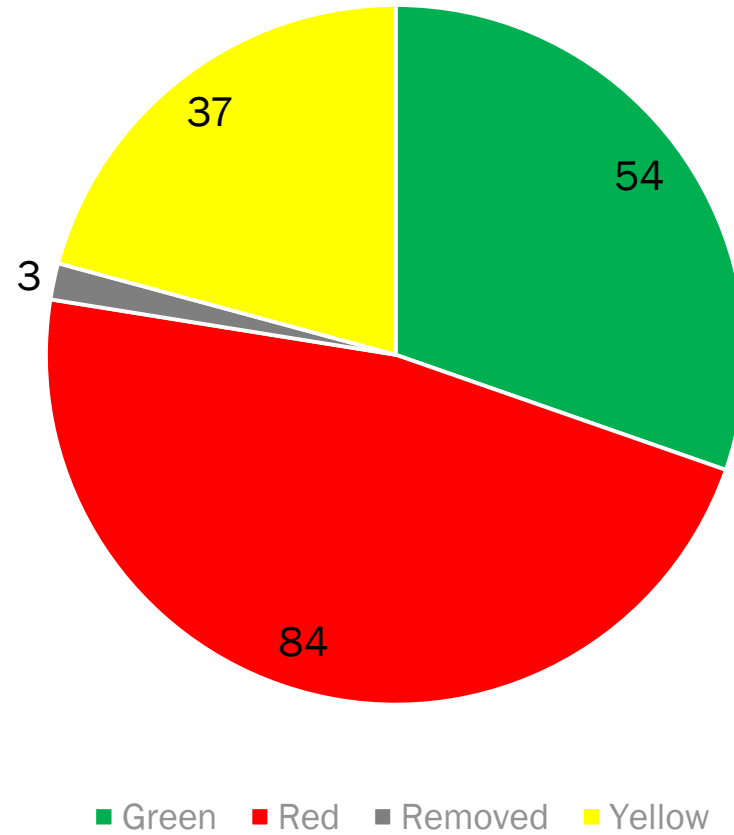
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1. Do you have an industry recognized Information Security Policy published and available to all employees, including contractors and part-time employees (e.g., NIST CSF, ISO 270001)?
2. Are employees obligated as a condition of employment to adhere to the Information Security Policy?
3. Do you have written policies/procedures/guidelines for maintaining and monitoring the security of customer data?
4. Do you use anti-virus software on corporate devices or devices owned by employees that will be utilized to process Exelon information?
5. Are your anti-virus signatures updated on a defined regular basis?
6. Do you contract with subcontractors (fourth party vendors to Exelon) in the development or delivery of your application, device and/or service you are proposing to Exelon
7. Are you an affiliated entity of or do you procure products or services from the vendors listed below or their subsidiaries/affiliates?
  - Kaspersky
  - Huawei Technologies Company
  - ZTE Corporation
  - Hytera Communications
  - Hangzhou Hikivision Digital Technology Company
  - Dahua Technology Company
8. Do you conduct background checks (e.g., credit, criminal, drug, employment checks) for all employees?

# SRA – Risk Levels

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Risk Level of all CIP SRAs



## CIP-005 Vendor Remote Access

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- Leveraged the existing controls in the Exelon NERC CIP Access Control system and Interactive Remote Access System. This includes treating all vendors with need for logical access as badged, screened and trained Exelon contractors.
- Performed sanity check of all firewall rulesets validating that no system-to-system remote access was present.
- Implemented additional controls and performed dry runs of new process in job aid. Performed sampling of data from process since August 2019 – present.

1

Updated the internal Interactive Remote Access process documents across Exelon.

2

When alerted, Security will leverage existing SEM processes to identify user live session as documented in the new job aid(s) and notify the appropriate internal team supporting IRA solution.

3

Internal IRA support team will terminate the user live session as documented in the new job aid(s)

4

Store appropriate evidence of compliance and close out the Controls Framework task for tracking.

# CIP-010 Integrity and Authenticity of Software

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## Technology

- Leveraged existing NERC CIP Production Change Management System and Patch Tracking Tools with added indicators and tracking.
- Research performed around vendors that had built in integrity checks for patches and software downloads.

## People

- Exelon Device Owners were engaged across the enterprise to validate the device type method for validating the downloaded software/patch.
- Leveraged the Prosci ADKAR change management methodology to bring stakeholders into the process early and with engagement.
- Had specific training for Exelon Device Owners who were performing new software validation and capturing the evidence.

## Processes

- Updated all CIP-010 and CIP-007 R2 Exelon Process documentation and job aids
- Established controls within Controls Framework tool for evidence gathering and periodic sampling/review.

# Next Steps – Maturity Advances

## Background

- Exelon is benchmarking and baselining Third Party Risk Management (TPRM) and Due Diligence processes with our peers across the Utility industry, not only specifically related to NERC CIP–013 compliance, but more broadly to encompass all procurement and Third-Party activity across the lifecycle (new vendor onboarding, continuous monitoring, offboarding).
- We recognize that across the Energy Industry, there are varying levels of TPRM maturity, and that there are opportunities for efficiency gains and optimization of our Third-Party processes (e.g. scaling level of diligence to the risk posed, enterprise workflow management tools).
- The questions are intended to be fairly high-level and encapsulate feedback from individual departments who play a part in Third Party Processes (e.g. Legal, Supply, IT, Insurance, Risk, Audit) as well as a holistic look at
- Third Party Processes in general (e.g. how do you coordinate between the various internal stakeholders, who owns the process for your organization, do you have a formalized TPRM framework).
- Exelon will consolidate the responses and distribute the results and findings to all participants.
- We are looking to launch the benchmarking in September 2020. If you are interested in participating, please contact [Daniel.Greenhalgh@exeloncorp.com](mailto:Daniel.Greenhalgh@exeloncorp.com).







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# Questions



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**Thank you for attending!**

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