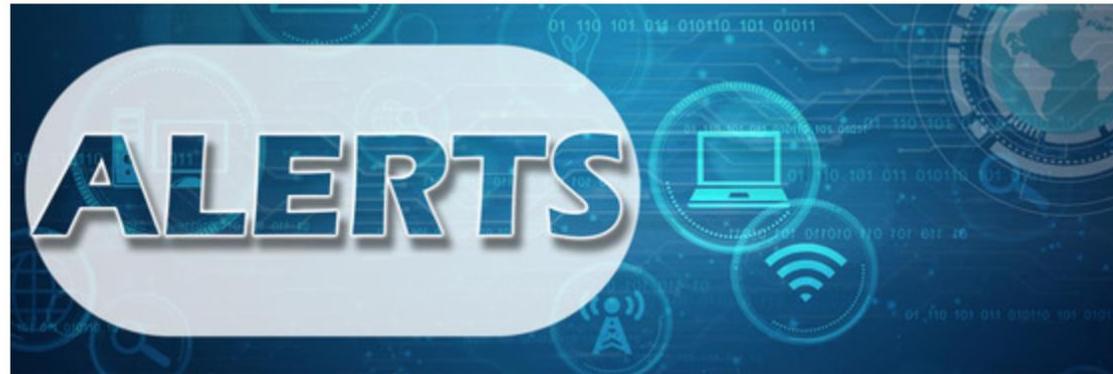# U.S. Water Systems should Strengthen Cybersecurity in light of Middle East Activity

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing this alert to encourage water system owners and operators across the country to take deliberate and meaningful steps to strengthen cybersecurity in light of activities in the middle east and the potential for U.S. critical infrastructure to be targeted. Iranian government–affiliated and aligned cyber actors have previously demonstrated the ability to exploit internet-exposed operational technology devices at U.S. water and wastewater systems, in some cases forcing temporary reversion to manual operations and causing operational impacts. EPA urges utilities to adopt a heightened security posture and promptly report suspicious activity to CISA and the FBI.