

## **Important Reminder from the Operator Certification Board on Cybersecurity Preparedness**

The Operator Certification Board strongly encourages water systems throughout the Commonwealth to take all reasonable actions to improve Cybersecurity preparedness. As a starting point, has your water system implemented all the important action items below?

- Identified all mission critical assets that are considered hackable?**
- Designated one or more internal individuals to address our cybersecurity needs?**
- Identified all external support resources? (e.g., CISA, legal resources, insurance, IT experts)**
- Considered / researched cyber insurance?**
- Trained staff to “Think before you click” to thwart phishing attempts?**
- Conducted a recent cybersecurity assessment to identify vulnerabilities in our system?**
- Created a detailed action plan / SOP to address all cybersecurity vulnerabilities?**
- Incorporated on-going cybersecurity efforts into our long-term planning?**
- Changed default passwords?**
- Consider a password manager application?**
- Implemented phishing-resistant multifactor authentication (MFA) for log-ins?**
- Implemented separate user and privileged accounts?**
- Created, maintained, and exercised Incident Response Plans?**