TARGET	POSSIBLE ATTACK VECTORS	POSSIBLE ATTACK METHODS	POSSIBLE CONSEQUENSES
ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM	 Identification cards Closed-circuit television (CCTV) Building management network Software vendor support portal 	 Exploitation of unpatched application (building management systems) RFID spoofing Network access through unprotected access points Network pivoting through unregulated network boundaries 	 Unauthorized physical access Lack of (video) detection capabilities Unauthorized access to additional ICS assets (pivoting)
ANALYZERS/ANALYZER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	 Subcontractor Laptop Maintenance remote access Plant (analyzer network) 	 Exploitation of unpatched application Network access via insecure access points (analyzer shelters) Remote access VPN via stolen or compromised subcontractor laptop Remote Access VPN via compromise of maintenance vendor site Insecure implementation of OPC (protocol) 	 Product quality – spoilage, loss of production, loss of revenue Reputation – product recall, product reliability
APPLICATION SERVERS	 Remote user access (interactive sessions) Business application integration communication channel Plant network Software vendor support portal 	 Exploitation of unpatched application Installation of malware via unvalidated vendor software Remote access via interactive accounts Database injection Insecure implementation of OPC 	 Plant upset/shutdown Credential leakage (control) Sensitive/confidential information leakage Unauthorized access to additional ICS assets (pivoting)
ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	 Plant Maintenance Software/erp Database integration functionality Mobile devices used for device configuration Wireless device network 	 Exploitation of unpatched application Installation of malware via unvalidated vendor software Remote access via interactive accounts Database injection Installation of malware via mobile devices 	 Calibration errors-product quality Credential leakage (business) Credential leakage (control) Unauthorized access to additional business assets like plant maintenance/ERP (pivoting)

CONDITION MONITORING SYSTEM	 Software vendor support portal Subcontractor laptop Maintenance remote access Plant (maintenance) network Software vendor support portal 	 Access via insecure wireless infrastructure Exploitation of unpatched application Installation of malware via unvalidated vendor software Network access via unsecure access points (compressor/pump house) Remote access VPN via stolen or compromised subcontractor laptop Remote access VPN via compromise of maintenance vendor site Remote access via interactive accounts Database injection Insecure implementation of OPC 	 Unauthorized access to additional ICS assets (pivoting) Equipment damage/sabotage Plant upset/shutdown Unauthorized access to additional ICS assets (pivoting)
CONTROLLER (PLC)	 Engineering workstation Operator HMI Standalone engineering tools Rogue device in control zone USB/removable Media Controller network Controller device network 	 Engineer/technician misuse Network exploitation of industrial protocol – known vulnerability Network exploitation of industrial protocol – known functionality Network replay attack Network DoS via communication buffer overload Direct Code/malware injection via USB Direct access to device via rogue network (local/remote) PC with appropriate tools/software) 	 Manipulation of controlled processes Controller fault condition Manipulation/masking of input/output date to/from controller Plant upset/shutdown Command-and-control
DATA HISTORIAN	 Business network client ERP data integration communication channel Database integration communication channel 	 Exploitation of unpatched application Installation of malware via unvalidated vendor software Remote access via interactive accounts Database injection 	 Manipulation of process/batch records Credential leakage (business) Credential leakage (control) Unauthorized access to additional business assets like MES, ERP (pivoting)

	 Remote user access (interactive session) Plant network Software vendor support portal 	 Insecure implementation of required communication protocols Exploitation of unnecessary/excessive openings on perimeter defense (firewall) due to insecure communication infrastructure between applications 	 Unauthorized access to additional ICS assets (pivoting)
DIRECTORY SERVICES	 Replication services Print spooler services File sharing services Authentication services Plant network Software vendor support portal 	 Exploitation of unpatched applications Installation of malware via unvalidated vendor software DNS spoofing NTP reflection attack Exploitation of unnecessary/excessive openings on perimeter defense (firewall) due to replication requirements between servers Installation of malware on file shares 	 Communication disruptions via DNS Authentication disruptions via NTP Authentication disruptions via LDAP/Kerberos Credential leakage Information leakage – file shares Malware distribution Unauthorized access to all domain- connected ICS assets (pivoting) Unauthorized access to business assets (pivoting)
ENGINEERING WORKSTATIONS	 Engineering tools and applications Non-engineering client applications USB/removable media Elevated privileges (engineer/administrator) Control network Software vendor support portal 	 Exploitation of unpatched applications Installation of malware via unvalidated vendor software Installation of malware via removable media Installation of malware via keyboard Exploitation of trusted connections across security perimeters Authorization to ICS applications without sufficient access control mechanisms 	 Plant upset / shutdown Delay plant startup Mechanical damage / sabotage Unauthorized manipulation of operator graphics –inappropriate response to process action Unauthorized modification of ICS databases Unauthorized modification of critical status alarms Unauthorized distribution of faulty firmware Unauthorized startup/shutdown of ICS devices

			 Process/plant information leakage ICS design application credential leakage Unauthorized modifications of ICS access control mechanisms Unauthorized access to most ICS assets (pivoting/own) Unauthorized access to business assets (pivoting)
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	 HVAC control HVAC building management network Software vendor support portal 	 Exploitation of unpatched application (building management system) Installation of malware via unvalidated vendor software Network access through unprotected access points Network pivoting through unregulated network boundaries 	 Disruption of cooling/heating Equipment failure /shutdown
FIRE DETECTION AND SUPPRESSION SYSTEM	 Fire alarm/evaluation Fire suppressant system Building management network Software vendor support portal 	 Exploitation of unpatched application (building management system) Installation of malware via unvalidated vendor software Network access through unprotected access points Network pivoting through unregulated network boundaries 	 Unauthorized release of suppressant Equipment filure/shutdown
MASTER AND/OR SLAVE DEVICES	 Unauthorized /unvalidated firmware Weak communication problems Insufficient authentication for write operations Control network 	 Distribution of malicious firmware Exploitation of vulnerable industrial protocols via rogue PC on network (local/remote) Exploitation of vulnerable industrial protocols via compromised PC on network (local) 	 Plant upset/shutdown Delay plant start Mechanical damage/sabotage Inappropriate response to control action Suppression of critical status/alarms

	Device network	 Exploitation of industrial protocol functionality via compromised PC on network (local/remote) Communication buffe overvlow via compromised PC on network (local) 	
OPERATOR WORKSTATION (HMI)	 Operational applications (HMI) Non-SCADA client applications USB/removable media Elevated privileges (administrator) Control Network Software vendor support portal 	 Exploitation of unpatched applications Installation of malware via unvalidated vendor software Installation of malware via removable media Installation of malware via keyboard Authorization to ICS HMI functions without sufficient access control mechanisms 	 Plant upstet/shutdown Suppression of critical status/alarms Product quality Plant/process efficiency Credential leakage (control) Plant/operational information leakage Unauthorized access to ICS assets (pivoting) Unauthorized access to ICS assets (communication protocols)
PATCH MANAGEMENT SERVERS	 Software patches/hotfixes Patch management software Vendor software support portal Business network Plant network Software vendor support portal 	 Insufficient checking of patch "health" before deployment Alternation of automatic deployment schedule Installation of malicious software via trusted supplier media Installation of malware via unvalidated vendor software 	 Malware distribution server Unauthorized modification of patch schedule Credential leakage Unauthorized access to ICS assets (pivoting)
PERIMETER PROTECTION (FIREWALL/IPS)	 Trusted connections (business- to-control) Local user account database Signature/rule updates 	 Untested/unverified rules Exploitation of unnecessary/excessive openings on perimeter defense (firewall) Insecure office and industrial protocols allowed to cross security perimeter Reuse of credentials across boundary 	 Unauthorized access to business network Unauthorized access to DMZ network Unauthorized access to control network Local credential leakage Unauthorized modification of rulesets/signatures

			 Communication disruption across perimeter/boundary
SCADA SERVERS	 Non-SCADA client applications Application integration communication channels Data Historian Engineering workstation Control network Software vendor support portal 	 Exploitation of unpatched applications Installation of malware via unvalidated vendor software Remote access via interactive accounts Installation of malware via removable media Exploitation of trusted connections within control network Authorization to ICS applications without sufficient access control mechanisms 	 Plant Upset/shutdown Delay plant startup Mechanical damage/sabotage Unauthorized manipulation of operator graphics – inappropriate response to process action Unauthorized modification of ICS databases Unauthorized startup/shutdown of ICS devices Credential leakage (control) Plant/operational information leakage Unauthorized access to most ICS assets (pivoting/own) Unauthorized access to ICS assets (communication protocols) Unauthorized access to business assets (pivoting)
SAFETY SYSTEMS	 Safety engineering tools Plant /emergency shutdown communication channels (DCS/SCADA) Control safety network Software vendor support portal 	 Exploitation of unpatched applications Installation of malware via unvalidated vendor software Installation of malware via removable media Installation of malware via keyboard Authorization to ICS applications without sufficient access control mechanisms 	 Plant shutdown Equipment damage/sabotage Environmental impact Loss of life Product quality Company reputation

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS	 Public key infrastructure Internet visibility 	 Disclosure of private key via external compromise Exploitation of device unknowingly connected to public networks Network access through unmonitored access points Network pivoting through unregulated network boundaries 	 Credential leakage (control) Information leakage Unauthorized remote access Unauthorized access to ICS assets (pivoting) Command and control
UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SYSTEMS (UPS	 Electrical management network Vendor/subcontractor maintenance 	 Exploitation of unpatched application (building management systems) Installation of malware via unvalidated vendor software Network access through unprotected access points Network pivoting through unregulated network boundaries 	 Equipment failure/shutdown Plant upset/ shutdown Credential leakage Unauthorized access to ICS assets (pivoting)
USER – ICS ENGINEER	 Social engineering – corporate assets Social engineering – personal assets E-mail attachments File shares 	 Introduction of malware through watering hole or spear-phising attack on business PC Introduction of malware via malicious email attachment on business PC from trusted source Introduction of malware on control network via unauthorized/foreign host Introduction of malware on control network via shared virtual machines Introduction of malware via inappropriate use of removable media between security zones (home- business-control) Propagation of malware due to poor segmentation and full visibility from EWS (engineering works station) 	 Process/plant information leakage ICS design/application credential leakage Unauthorized access to business assets (pivoting) Unauthorized access to ICS assets (pivoting/own)

		 Establishment of a C2 via inappropriate control-to-business connections Exploitation of communication channels resulting from unapproved architecture changes Exploitation of applications due to unnecessary use of administrative rights Exploitation of applications due to failure to logout/disconnect when unused 	
USER – ICS TECHNICIAN	 Social engineering – corporate assets Social engineering – personal assets E-mail attachments File shares 	 Introduction of malware on control network via unauthorized/foreign host Introduction of malware on control network via shared virtual machines Introduction of malware via inappropriate use of removable media between security zones (homebusiness-control) Exploitation of applications due to unnecessary use of administrative rights Network disturbances resulting from connection to network with poor segmentation 	 Plant upset/shutdown Delay plant startup Mechanical damage /sabotage Unauthorized manipulation of operator graphics – inappropriate response to process action Unauthorized modification of status /alarm settings Unauthorized download of faulty firmware Unauthorized startup /shutdown of ICS devices Design information leakage ICS application credential leakage Unauthorized access to most ICS assets (pivoting/own)
USER – PLANT OPERATOR	 Keyboard Removable Media – USB Removable Media – CD/DVD 	 Introduction of malware on control network via unauthorized /foreign host Introduction of malware via inappropriate use of removable media between security zones (home- business-control) 	 Plant upset/shutdown Mechanical damage /sabotage Unauthorized startup/shutdown of mechanical equipment

- Exploitation of applications due to unnecessary use of administrative rights
- Process/plant operational information leakage
- Credential leakage
- Unauthorized access to ICS assets (pivoting)
- Unauthorized access to ICS assets (communication protocols)

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