

# SCADA & ICS CYBERSECURITY ASSESSMENTS FOR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

**The Reality Check Uptime Is No Longer Your Biggest OT Risk**

**Industrial environments now sit at the collision of always-connected OT, targeted industrial malware, and intense regulatory and stakeholder scrutiny.**

Ransomware and ICS-aware attacks jump from IT to OT in minutes. Lines stop, safety systems misbehave, and every decision is later dissected by regulators, investigators, and the board.

What used to be a plant-level outage is now an enterprise event:

- Prolonged downtime and scrap
- Regulatory fines and mandated remediation
- Loss of customer and stakeholder confidence
- Board-level scrutiny of OT practices

OT was built for safety and uptime—not the internet or post-incident forensics. eSurelTy's SCADA & ICS Cybersecurity Assessments close that gap.

## Where SCADA and ICS Programs Break Down

The issue isn't a lack of tools. It's the gap between how OT actually runs and how risk is documented, governed, and defended after an incident.

Common failure patterns:

- **IT tools on OT problems** – Corporate firewalls, AV, and EDR leave SCADA/ICS blind spots; legacy protocols, flat networks, vendor tunnels, and unpatched devices stay exposed because uptime wins over change.
- **Connectivity without clear boundaries:** Converged IT/OT mixes business systems, HMIs, historians, engineering workstations, remote access, and cloud, with lateral paths from IT to OT left undocumented and untested.
- **Compliance without real assurance:** NIST SP 800-82, ISA/IEC 62443, and internal standards exist on paper, but there's no current, evidence-based view of how controls perform in the field, so regulators and reviewers see gaps, not alignment.
- **Documentation that does not stand up under investigation:** Incomplete inventories, outdated network maps, and risk registers that ignore real ICS devices, networks, and safety-critical functions, so external examiners treat it as unmanaged exposure.

This is where attackers, regulators, and external reviewers now focus.

## The New Requirement: Defensible OT Security With Evidence That Holds Up

Regulators and critical-infrastructure stakeholders now expect industrial organizations to treat SCADA and ICS cybersecurity as a measurable, governed discipline—not an extension of IT.

Emerging expectations:

- Alignment with OT-specific standards such as NIST SP 800-82 and ISA/IEC 62443
- Awareness of DHS CISA, DOE, and sector-specific OT security advisories and expectations
- Demonstrable controls for segmentation, remote access, vendor management, and recovery
- A documented, current risk assessment specific to ICS that also supports typical cyber insurance coverage requirements for securing industrial control environments

External reviewers increasingly ask for detailed OT control evidence before sign-off on critical projects and during post-incident reviews.

**eSurelTy's SCADA & ICS Cybersecurity Assessments are built to generate that level of proof.**

## What the SCADA and ICS Cybersecurity Assessment Delivers

### 1. OT Exposure Mapped to Real Attack Paths

#### SCADA and ICS Vulnerability Testing

Non-disruptive reviews focused on:

- Insecure-by-design protocols and services
- Outdated firmware and unsupported assets
- Exposed interfaces and remote access
- Misconfigurations that enable pivoting or loss of view

#### SCADA and ICS Risk Assessment

Risk scored and prioritized across:

- Critical devices, controllers, and HMIs
  - Networks, zones, and conduits
  - Safety-, reliability-, and compliance-critical processes
- Findings are translated into operational impact—not just CVSS scores.

### 3. Human, Wireless, and API Attack Surface Reduction

#### Social Engineering, Wireless, Mobile, and API Testing

Assess how people and connectivity expand OT risk:

- Targeted phishing and social engineering of engineers and operators
- Wireless and mobile access used for maintenance and operations
- APIs and integrations exposing OT telemetry or control

Findings drive concrete control and training changes that harden these paths without blocking legitimate work.

#### Employee Security Awareness Training

Role-specific training for OT teams to recognize and respond to high-impact attacks on control environments.

### How eSureTy Reframes SCADA and ICS Cyber Risk

eSureTy links industrial cybersecurity with governance so leaders enter audits, reviews, and board meetings with evidence—not assumptions.

Each assessment is built to:

- Expose technical and process-level weaknesses across SCADA and ICS
- Quantify the business impact of OT exposure in operational terms
- Map controls and gaps to accepted OT frameworks and reviewer expectations
- Provide an action plan that can be executed without disrupting production

You move from hoping your OT controls are sufficient to knowing what will withstand both attackers and independent investigators.

### 2. IT to OT Segmentation and Lateral Movement Validation

#### IT Network Penetration Testing and Vulnerability Analysis

Testing that demonstrates how an attacker could move from IT into OT and what would stop them, including:

- Segmentation and firewall rules between enterprise and control networks
- Remote access, vendor connectivity, and third-party pathways
- Authentication, authorization, and monitoring around OT-adjacent assets

The outcome is a clear picture of the actual blast radius of a compromised IT account, workstation, or application.

### 4. Governance, Response, and Oversight Readiness

#### Incident Response Planning for OT-Aware Events

Development or refinement of response playbooks that:

- Integrate IT and OT decision-making
- Define clear roles for engineering, operations, and security
- Align evidence collection and notification workflows with regulatory and stakeholder expectations

#### Security Governance and Advisory Support

Ongoing advisory support to close identified gaps, mature policies, and maintain documentation that stands up to auditors, regulators, and internal stakeholders.

#### Why eSureTy

- **Industrial and OT Expertise** - Experience across energy, manufacturing, water, and critical infrastructure environments where uptime and safety cannot be compromised.
- **Governance alignment from day one** – Assessments and deliverables built with auditor, regulator, and board expectations in mind, not retrofitted after findings are produced.
- **End-to-End Visibility** - People, process, and technology evaluated together so gaps, overlaps, and ownership are clear.
- **Actionable Remediation Path** - Findings translated into sequenced, realistic remediation steps that respect maintenance windows, vendor constraints, and operational realities.

**Engage eSureTy to scope a SCADA and ICS Cybersecurity Assessment and put a defensible, audit-ready OT security strategy in place.**