Critical Infrastructure Environmental Protection

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What This Application Specifies

Each critical-infrastructure facility integrates multi-medium sensing across its operating envelope. Cross-medium correlation identifies environmental disruption events; baseline-departure detection identifies anomalies against declared facility baseline; multi-source corroboration confirms event classification.

Authority composition structures map to CIP reality: facility-operator authority for facility-specific operations, sector-coordinator authority (NERC, water-sector ISACs, comm-sector ISACs) for sector operations, federal authority (CISA, sector-specific) for federal coordination. The architecture supports the multi-authority reality of CIP operations.

Why It Matters Operationally

Current CIP environmental protection depends on facility-specific physical-security systems, regional intrusion-detection systems, and ad-hoc cross-facility coordination. The protection faces structural limitations: cross-medium blindness, cross-facility blindness, audit-quality limitations.

Architectural environmental-disruption sensing produces structural improvement. Multi-medium sensing covers full threat envelope; cross-facility federation supports

sector-wide situational awareness; audit-grade evidence supports incident review and prosecution.

How It Composes With the Domain

Each facility contributes credentialed observations across modalities. Cross-facility correlation operates through declared sector federation. Adversarial actions (physical attack, cyber-physical attack, environmental sabotage) surface as credentialed integrity events. Graduated response supports proportional facility action.

Cross-sector coordination gains structural support. Multi-sector events (combined cyber-physical attacks, multi-utility cascading events, coordinated multi-facility events) coordinate through declared cross-sector federation; cross-sector situational awareness operates against shared credentialed observations.

What This Enables

CIP operators gain structurally-supported environmental protection. Sector coordinators gain structurally-supported sector situational awareness. Federal coordination authorities gain structurally-supported cross-sector operations. Adversarial-aware CIP becomes structural rather than implementation-dependent.

The architecture also supports CIP evolution. As emerging CIP threats mature, as cyber-physical convergence advances, as sector-specific requirements evolve, the architecture admits the changes through declared specification.