



out by someone using a computer with an IP address based in Russia.

Following Weiss’s statements to the media, DHS said that it was investigating the pump failure and needed time to determine if the failure was in fact caused by a cyberattack.

An anonymous DHS source told *Computer World*, that the Illinois state agency had released two “Unclassified/For Official Use Only” documents about the incident, but the reports were inconclusive and only contained an initial report on the pump’s failure.

Patrick Miller, the president of the Energy Sector Security Consortium (EnergySec), said even though DHS may have determined that the Illinois water pump’s failure was not the result of hackers, the threat to critical infrastructure and SCADA systems remains a serious concern.

“There is a lot of older equipment used in industrial control systems in both water and energy industries,” Miller said. “These older systems were not designed to include security and they are not easy to upgrade so they are very vulnerable.”



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