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Free Tools for New York Cybersecurity Audits

NYDFS examiners, the Department of Health and power sector regulators each want different evidence, on different timelines. These free guides, checklists and the audit planner organize what each track requires, so your team walks in prepared. When a question needs testing, a GDF senior lead can help.

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Select the Applicable Preparation Track

Financial services examinations, drinking water assessments, wastewater permits and power sector audits each answer to a different regulator and ask for different records. Pick the track that matches your organization; each one has a short guide and an editable checklist from the November 3, 2026 edition.

NYDFS

NYDFS Part 500 Evidence Preparation

Start with the covered entity, the review period, any exemption and the officers who sign the April 15 submission, then gather the penetration test, MFA, access review and recovery exercise records an examiner will ask for.

- Preparation guide (PDF) https://newyorkcomputerforensics.com/assets/downloads/ny-audit-preparation-2026-11-03/nydfs-preparation-guide.pdf
- Editable checklist (CSV) https://newyorkcomputerforensics.com/assets/downloads/ny-audit-preparation-2026-11-03/nydfs-preparation-checklist.csv
- Use the browser planner https://newyorkcomputerforensics.com/tools/new-york-audit-planner/#nydfs

DRINKING WATER

New York Drinking Water Cyber Assessment Preparation

Prepare the drinking water CVA, program, training and reporting record. Appendix 5-E generally requires compliance by January 1, 2027 for covered community systems. See the DOH actions, system populations and timing.

- Preparation guide (PDF) https://newyorkcomputerforensics.com/assets/downloads/ny-audit-preparation-2026-11-03/drinking-water-preparation-guide.pdf
- Editable checklist (CSV) https://newyorkcomputerforensics.com/assets/downloads/ny-audit-preparation-2026-11-03/drinking-water-preparation-checklist.csv
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WASTEWATER

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New York Wastewater Cybersecurity Preparation

Separate the incident reporting every SPDES permittee owes DEC from the plan and control requirements for POTWs and the training owed by certified operators. Keep the facility, design flow, permit and responsible municipal official attached to the record.

- Preparation guide (PDF) https://newyorkcomputerforensics.com/assets/downloads/ny-audit-preparation-2026-11-03/wastewater-preparation-guide.pdf
- Editable checklist (CSV) https://newyorkcomputerforensics.com/assets/downloads/ny-audit-preparation-2026-11-03/wastewater-preparation-checklist.csv
- Use the browser planner https://newyorkcomputerforensics.com/tools/new-york-audit-planner/#wastewater

POWER AND ENERGY

New York Power and Energy Cyber Audit Preparation

Map the entity and its assets before combining utility IT records, operational systems and electricity sector requirements. The PSC's 16 NYCRR Part 1200, NERC CIP and the DOE distribution baselines reach different organizations and different systems.

- Preparation guide (PDF) https://newyorkcomputerforensics.com/assets/downloads/ny-audit-preparation-2026-11-03/power-energy-preparation-guide.pdf
- Editable checklist (CSV) https://newyorkcomputerforensics.com/assets/downloads/ny-audit-preparation-2026-11-03/power-energy-preparation-checklist.csv
- Use the browser planner https://newyorkcomputerforensics.com/tools/new-york-audit-planner/#power-energy

Use Checklists and Technical Evidence Records

1. **Define.** Record the entity, review period, asset boundary, operating authority and open applicability questions.
2. **Gather.** Use the PDF to prepare the discussion and the CSV to record owners, evidence references and gaps.
3. **Review.** Distinguish a located document from a tested control. Retain exceptions and missing records.
4. **Validate.** Agree a technical review or safely controlled test plan with the people authorized to act.

The browser planner keeps your status choices in your own browser and exports them to your computer, so your choices stay with you.

Download the Complete Preparation Set

The ZIP holds the four sector guides (PDF), the four editable checklists (CSV), the drinking water requirements table (CSV), the official source register (CSV) and a README that lists every file. No email is required. Keep completed copies in your own secure repository.

- Complete preparation set (ZIP) https://newyorkcomputerforensics.com/assets/downloads/ny-audit-preparation-2026-11-03/NYCF-audit-preparation-set.zip
- Pack README (TXT) https://newyorkcomputerforensics.com/assets/downloads/ny-audit-preparation-2026-11-03/README.txt

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- Official source register (CSV) https://newyorkcomputerforensics.com/assets/downloads/ny-audit-preparation-2026-11-03/source-register.csv

Keep the Authority and Source Date Attached

- NYDFS Cybersecurity Resource Center https://www.dfs.ny.gov/cybersecurity
- DFS Second Amendment to Part 500, department reading copy https://www.dfs.ny.gov/cybersecurity/23-NYCRR-Part-500
- DFS risk assessment guidance, September 10, 2026 https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry_guidance/industry_letters/il20260910-cyber-risk-assessment
- NYS DOH Cybersecurity for Public Water Systems https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/emergency/water/drinking/cybersecurity/
- NYS DOH Drinking Water Cybersecurity Requirements Table https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/emergency/water/drinking/cybersecurity/cybersecurity_requirements_table.htm
- NYS DEC Wastewater Cybersecurity Resources https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/water/water-quality/wastewater-treatment-resources/wastewater-cybersecurity-resources
- PSC adopted utility IT cybersecurity regulations, Case 25-M-0302, April 17, 2026 https://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/Common/ViewDoc.aspx?DocRefId=%7B50419C9D-0000-C957-89B7-5F83A397191B%7D
- DOE cybersecurity baselines for electric distribution systems and DER https://www.energy.gov/ceser/cybersecurity-baselines-electric-distribution-systems-and-der-and-guidance
- NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection standards https://www.nerc.com/standards/reliability-standards/cip

Every file in the pack carries the edition date November 3, 2026, and each source above was checked against the issuing agency's own page on that date.

Scope Your Assessment

The first call is a free consultation with a senior security lead. We review the systems, the review or audit you face and its timing, and recommend the assessment depth that answers it. Requests are handled in confidence.

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