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MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Agencies Affected by the SolarWinds Orion Compromise

FROM: Alan Cunningham, State CIO
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SUBJECT: **Guidance for Re-Instating SolarWinds Orion into the State Network**

Any agency that wishes to re-instate SolarWinds Orion into the state network environment must carry out the following steps before and after connecting the server to the network (*reference CISA emergency directive 21-01*: <https://cyber.dhs.gov/ed/21-01>):

1. Rebuild the operating system on servers,
2. Download and install the latest version of the Orion software directly from the SolarWinds site, version 2020.2.1 HF2 or newer,
3. Harden the server to CIS standards using the CIS-CAT Pro Assessor tool; a copy licensed for use by the state is available at <https://teams.microsoft.com/#/files/General?threadId=19%3A8f372f24dce844ce870ff80e0b057231%40thread.skype&ctx=channel&context=CIS&rootfolder=%252Fsites%252FEITS-OIS%252FShared%2520Documents%252FGeneral%252FCIS>,
4. Closely monitor for any new IOCs that may be discovered,
5. Be prepared to remove the SolarWinds server from the network if any new IOCs are discovered, AND
6. Report any unusual behavior to the Office of Information Security as soon as possible.

Please remain vigilant over the holiday period as this is a prime time for hackers to carry out their plans.

If you have any questions, please contact State CIO Alan Cunningham at alancunningham@admin.nv.gov or State Chief Information Security Officer Bob Dehnhardt at rwdehnhardt@admin.nv.gov.