



## **MRO Security Advisory Council Threat Forum (SACTF)**

### **Threat Call Guidelines**

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#### **Purpose**

The Midwest Reliability Organization Security Advisory Council Threat Forum (MRO SACTF) is hosting a weekly threat call.

#### **Goal**

The goal of the weekly threat calls is to create a venue for MRO regional sharing of threat and risk information for cyber, physical and operational security in a trusted entity-to-entity forum.

#### **Guidelines**

1. Weekly calls will generally occur every Wednesday from 8:15-8:45 a.m. CT.
2. The MRO staff supporting the MRO SACTF will handle the logistics of the call/WebEx setup and invitations.
3. The chair or vice chair of the MRO SACTF will moderate the calls unless otherwise designated, with the assistance of other MRO SACTF members. Moderation will include starting the discussion, keeping the discussion on target and ending the discussion. The moderator will also make the decision to terminate a participant's connection.
4. MRO staff and MRO Board participation is limited to those who directly support the MRO SACTF unless approved on a case by case basis by the MRO SACTF (Please see Exhibit A). Regulatory Entity staff that have a compliance enforcement role will not be approved to be on the SACTF Call. The SACTF moderator will announce the presence of MRO Staff and MRO Board members at the start of the call. This call and its content is about sharing threat and risk information. This call is not to get or share compliance information or advice. If you raise such a concern you will be asked to pursue it outside the call.
5. The call is limited to employees of MRO registered entities, regional asset owners and members of the E-ISAC unless approved on a case by case basis by the MRO SACTF (Please see Exhibit A). E-ISAC staff will identify themselves at the start of the call or when they join after it begins. Case by case participants are encouraged to make themselves known upon connection to the call. Participants must follow the WebEx procedure to provide their full name and company name or acronym when connecting to the web meeting, and provide their participant ID when dialing into the audio portion. The MRO SACTF will conduct light vetting of unknown or unverified participants (e.g., identified in Participant Panel as "Caller [#]"), who may be removed from the meeting without notice.
6. All MRO registered entities will be encouraged to register but are not required to participate. A separate contact list comprised of vetted registrations will be used to send meeting login information.



Participants may call in from a conference room if multiple participants from an entity wish to participate.

7. There will be a flexible open agenda. If there is nothing to talk about, the call will be ended or cancelled.
8. The discussion will be at the Unclassified, TLP-GREEN/TLP-WHITE level and open source.
9. No detailed notes, minutes or recordings will be maintained. Tracking may include whether a call took place, the duration and number of attendees.
10. The Chatham House Rule will apply: participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed. The Rule is more about the dissemination of the information after the event – nothing should be done to identify, either explicitly or implicitly, who said what.
11. Periodic evaluations of the threat call (e.g., email survey and/or defined metrics) will be conducted to determine if there is Return on Investment.

*Approved by the Organizational Group Oversight Committee on March 24, 2021.*



## Exhibit A

### MRO SACTF Threat Call Case by Case Criteria Applicability

Applicability: Non-MRO Members (Non-Asset owner operators). (See guidelines 4 and 5)

#### Process

1. Registration
2. Provide Initial Factors to registrant
3. Registrants are required to respond within 10 business days. If no registrant response is received, the registrant will not be approved
4. MRO SACTF Considers Initial and Additional Factors related to the registrant
5. MRO SAC Threat Forum Chair or Vice Chair and at least one other SACTF member shall assess the case by case registrant for approval. Approval may occur through email

#### Initial Factors

1. Provide the name and contact information of the individual from MRO or a MRO member who is sponsoring your application to participate in the MRO SAC Threat Call, and
2. Have an ongoing security related relationship with the MRO SAC, or
3. Have an ongoing security related relationship with MRO Members, or
4. Have provided quality security related information to the MRO SAC, or
5. Be known to the MRO member security community as a quality security contributor

#### Additional Factors

1. Expectation to contribute on the call - provide and enhance value of security shares
2. Expectation to be responsive to MRO SAC requests
3. There is NO selling of vendor services or products
4. Use of company email address - not a private email address

#### Once Approved to Join the Call

1. Information can only be used on that call, or in participation in a follow-up 'forum' or 'roundtable' event; it should not be used in another venue or for other purposes
2. Will be subject to being removed from a call at the moderator's discretion
3. Will be evaluated annually by the MRO SAC Threat Forum Chair or Vice Chair and at least one other SACTF member.
4. Have a duty to report a change in status or in any of the Initial Factors listed above