



LRWA MINI CONFERENCE | WORKING CHECKLIST | OCTOBER 2026

Start with six questions.

Use these prompts with operators, management, IT support, and your controls integrator. Check an item once you have reviewed it and can explain the answer.

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- ☐ **1. Do we know what equipment and connections we rely on?**
List PLCs, HMIs, SCADA computers, network equipment, remote-access methods, and the people who support them.
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- ☐ **2. Do we know who can access the system?**
Review current users and vendor access. Remove unused access and confirm that controls are not directly exposed to the internet. Review multifactor authentication where supported.
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- ☐ **3. Could we restore a failed controller or computer?**
Confirm current PLC, HMI, and SCADA backups are stored separately and protected. Identify the required software, licenses, credentials, and restore support.
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- ☐ **4. What happens if automation or communications are unavailable?**
Review approved fallback procedures, including local operation, monitoring, staffing, and process limits. Confirm operators know when and how to use them.
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- ☐ **5. Do we have a response plan and contact list?**
Name the decision makers and support contacts for outages or suspected incidents. Keep a copy available without relying on the affected computer or network.
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- ☐ **6. Have we walked through a failure together?**
Discuss a failed PLC, a lost SCADA computer, or unavailable remote access. Identify missing information and coordinate any operational testing through approved procedures.

Choose one next step.

What will we address?

Who owns it? _____ Follow-up date: _____

MFAC discussion aid. Use alongside your utility's procedures and official EPA/CISA guidance. This checklist is a starting point, not a certification or compliance assessment.