

## LocusView

### Natural gas SaaS provider streamlines compliance audit processes

Cohesive Networks helps firm face increasing stream of requests for security compliance, documentation, and penetration test results by applying the NIST Cybersecurity Framework.

*"We wanted to look at a bigger picture than just natural gas and current regulations."*

**Tim Hopper**

**GIS Professional**

**LocusView**

#### Company



Headquarters

 Chicago, IL USA

Industry

 natural gas

Solution Category

 security & compliance

#### Challenges

**NIST Framework** steps to gather, document, and report on cybersecurity processes

**Repeatable** compliance reporting for penetration tests, documentation, audits

**Security** for critical systems outside of the firm's insight and control

#### Challenge: Increasing demands for cybersecurity audit reports

LocusView Solutions, a subsidiary of the Gas Technology Institute (GTI), was facing an increasing stream of requests for documentation, certifications, and penetration test results from their customers in the natural gas and energy sectors. The IT team wanted to answer each request for security information with a consistent package of responses.

#### Solution: NIST Framework steps for consistent reporting

The Cohesive team began by culling existing cybersecurity guidelines and evaluations to streamline the first three steps of the NIST implementation process. Next, the team used the broader frameworks and standards in the NIST function subcategories to map the compliance areas that matter most to their organization.

LocusView identified and consolidated target profiles and focused in on the security of individual application sets. LocusView was able to document and discuss plans as issues arose, simplifying and shortening the process.

Cohesive also provided VNS3 firewall virtual machines to manage and secure LocusView's network.

#### Outcome: Streamlined audits for compliance

By leveraging Cohesive's experience with the cross-mapping frameworks, LocusView was able to use the NIST Framework as a unifying process. Their internal teams were able to update their risk-management approach and build a roadmap for repeatable reports to customers.

Since implementing Cohesive Networks' approach to the NIST Framework, LocusView has passed initial audits and the first of several penetration tests.

#### About LocusView

LocusView Solutions, a Chicago-based subsidiary of the Gas Technology Institute (GTI), provides mobile and GIS solutions to the natural gas industry. Our technology is the result of industry-funded programs to develop next generation tools to ensure regulatory compliance, improve integrity and public safety, and reduce O&M costs.