Insider Threats and Uncrewed Aerial Vehicles (UAV)

Canadian (Regulator's) Perspective

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Scope

For the purpose of this presentation, we will only consider the use of commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) in the context of an insider threat.

Problem Set – What Are The Issues?

Increased UAV activity over Canadian Nuclear Power Plants (NPP).

Insider threats may use UAV to facilitate sabotage or theft.

The use of UAV can bypass existing security measures and detection capabilities.

Lack of policy, legal authority and technical expertise to counter UAV over Canadian NPP.

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So What?

Security needs to shift their focus from solely ground based threats to both ground and airborne threats. This will require new physical protection and technical measures as well as a policy and legal framework to ensure the protection of nuclear facilities.

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Policy and Legal Issues

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) regulates all aspects of the use of nuclear energy and materials in Canada.

Transport Canada regulates Canadian airspace and UAV operations.

Public Safety Canada regulates law enforcement and use-of force.

No current no-fy-zones around Canadian NPP.

No legal authorization to employ use of force against UAV.

…but discussions have begun.

Technical Issues

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) is currently collaborating with other government departments and agencies to identify lessons learned regarding technologies to detect and mitigate against UAV.

Radars?

Jammers?

Scramblers?

Lasers?

Swarming technology?

Falcons?

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