

# The Colonial Pipeline Attack: Rethinking Cyber Regulations on Utility Companies

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In May 2021, the DarkSide ransomware attack on the Colonial Pipeline forced a shutdown of the 5,550-mile gasoline pipe, causing chaos and panic over shortages of gasoline all across the East Coast. The critical utility that supplies 45% of the East Coast's fuel was out of commission for days.

While the shutdown of the pipeline proved to be problematic, the attack also exposed the federal government's weak spot when it comes to oil and gas cybersecurity.

Read more about the impact of the Colonial Pipeline attack in the article written by attorneys Howard Goldberg and Marissa Morte for The Legal Intelligencer and Law.com [here](#).