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Marco Ayala is a process automation professional with over 25 years of experience working in petrochemical facilities, where he designed, implemented, and maintained their process instrumentation, automation systems, and process control networks. Currently, the director and ICS cybersecurity section lead at 1898 & Co. (part of Burns & McDonnell), Marco has expertise with safety systems, advanced process control, enterprise historians, and industrial network security. He is active in cybersecurity efforts for the oil and gas upstream and midstream, maritime port, offshore facilities, and chemical sectors, working alongside federal, local, and state entities for securing the private sector.

Marco is very active in ISA and is a 20-year member. He is a Senior member and a certified cyber instructor for ISA and a member contributor of the AMSC Gulf of Mexico (GOM) cybersecurity committee as co-chair threat intelligence and cybersecurity for the outer continental shelf (OCS), InfraGard member, Chief of the Maritime Cross Sector Council for ports and terminals and AMSC chair for cybersecurity for Houston. He sits on the Safety and Security Division (SAFESEC) committee and is their liaison to the ISA Global Cybersecurity Alliance.