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Hello! I have made some comments on the subcategories based on recent work I performed involving mapping security requirements to the version 1.0 subcategories. Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information. Thanks!

1. **ID.AM** does not include a subcategory for inventorying data.
2. It is not clear if **ID.AM-2** includes inventorying services. The important resource is often not the software as a whole, but a particular service provided by several pieces of software working in combination. For example, **ID.BE-4** and **ID.BE-5** focus on critical services. If **ID.AM-2** does not include service inventory, either its description should either be expanded or a new category covering this should be created.
3. **ID.RA** does not appear to identify and document existing security controls that may prevent threats from exploiting vulnerabilities. **ID.RA-4** and **ID.RA-5** mention likelihoods, but it should be clearer that risk assessment must take into account existing mitigations.
4. Some items, such as **PR.AC-1**, take into account the entire lifecycle of the control. Other items, such as **ID.GV-1**, involve the control's initial setup only and do not address the rest of the lifecycle. This should be consistent throughout the subcategories.
5. There is not a clear **PR.AT** subcategory for training other personnel with important security responsibilities, such as software developers who need to know secure coding principles and techniques.
6. **PR.DS** protects data-at-rest (**PR.DS-1**) and data-in-transit (**PR.DS-2**) but not data-in-use.
7. **DE.AE** and **DE.CM** address networks much more than hosts. For example, **DE.AE-1** talks about a "baseline of network operations and expected data flows for users and systems", but baselines for operations within a host, baselines for user activity, etc. may also be invaluable. Similarly, **DE.CM-1** monitors the network, **DE.CM-2** monitors the physical environment, and **DE.CM-3** monitors personnel activity, but where is the subcategory for monitoring within hosts (physical or virtual)?
8. The **DE.CM** categories are too specific in regards to the type of malicious activity that is to be detected. There are many other types of malicious activity not listed here.

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