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# vCenter: verify the response

CVE-2026-123890 | Reviewed November 22, 2026

## Define scope

Record every instance, owner, deployment family, version and build. Include recovery and linked environments.

## Use current vendor instructions

Reopen VMSA-2026-0009.1. Select the supported branch and product-specific update path. Do not substitute an SDDC Manager version.

## Review management access

Map required source-to-service paths. Restrict unnecessary access using supported controls; test allowed and denied paths.

## Prepare the change

Confirm compatibility, backup, recovery access, business approval and rollback decisions before the outage.

## Verify the running update

Retain version/build evidence and update records for each instance. Exercise administration, monitoring and backup workflows.

## Investigate separately

Preserve and correlate identity, appliance and network evidence. Record retention gaps. Escalate unexplained privilege changes.

## Plan trust recovery

Use incident-response and vendor guidance for credential, certificate or rebuild decisions. Preserve evidence before modifying systems.

## Close with accountable evidence

Record outcomes, residual uncertainty, exceptions, owner, reviewer and next review. A patch alone does not establish recovery.

Planning aid, not certification or an automated assessment. No customer environment was tested. Full references and limitations are in the companion CyberInsights report.