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A PREDICTION GUARD FIELD REPORT

The AI Governance Committee.

Building for today. Securing the agentic future.

A blueprint for the **control-first enterprise** · By Prediction Guard

INTRO THE VELOCITY PARADOX

Controls are your accelerator, not your brake.

After deploying generative AI into production across dozens of enterprises, we've identified a definitive pattern: **the organizations moving fastest aren't those with the loosest rules**. They are the ones enabling AI builders with the governance harness built in.

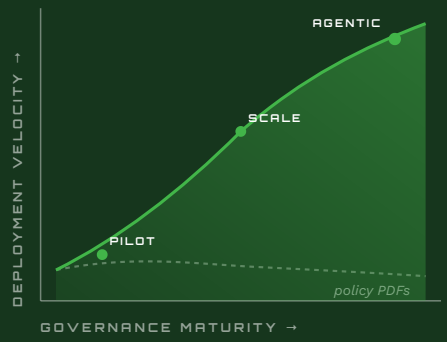
In the enterprise, ambiguity is the primary enemy of velocity. Teams stall when they lack a centralized "source of truth" for what is allowed, who decides, and how systems are monitored. To win the AI race, you don't just need a committee; you need an **enforcement layer that turns policy into code.**

THE THESIS

Governance without execution is just theater. If your committee's decisions aren't embedded directly into your AI infrastructure, they don't actually exist.

THE PATTERN WE OBSERVE

Speed comes from constraint.



2026

The "Agentic Shift". AI now acts autonomously on behalf of humans.

100%

of teams that don't want more manual policy review on the path to production.

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Source of truth a velocity-positive enterprise can tolerate.

I WHY TRADITIONAL GOVERNANCE FAILS AI

Deterministic policy can't govern a non-deterministic actor.

Traditional IT governance was built for deterministic software. Generative AI breaks those legacy systems. Models hallucinate, prompts are hijacked, and vendors change model weights without notice. The "Agentic Shift" of 2026, where AI acts autonomously on behalf of humans, amplifies these risks. You can no longer govern by policy document. You must govern by *infrastructure*.

LEGACY IT GOVERNANCE

Built for software that behaves the same way twice.

- ✕ Acceptable-Use PDFs that no runtime can read
- ✕ Quarterly committee reviews of static systems
- ✕ Approve-once, deploy-forever change control
- ✕ Spot-check audits weeks after the incident
- ✕ Vendor SLAs assumed to be stable

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GOVERNANCE-AS-INFRASTRUCTURE

Decisions compiled into the request path.

- ■ Policy expressed as enforceable code, versioned
- ■ Live committee dashboard of every AI system
- ■ Continuous validation on every request and reply
- ■ Lineage and replay across the full reasoning path
- ■ Models swapped without changing the trust contract

The Prediction Guard perspective: Governance without execution is just theater. The committee may meet weekly, the policy may be 40 pages, and the slide deck may be excellent, but if the system can't enforce any of it at request time, the committee has produced literature, not control.

The agentic future raises the stakes again. A single agent that can call a tool (write to a CRM, move money, send email on your behalf) multiplies the blast radius of every uncaught policy violation. The committees that win the next five years will be the ones who treat their decisions as **instructions to a runtime**, not memos to a colleague.

II THE FIVE PILLARS OF AN EMPOWERED COMMITTEE

Five responsibilities the runtime must own, not the meeting.

The most effective committees leverage Prediction Guard to own these five core responsibilities. Each pillar replaces a manual ritual with a control your control plane enforces every minute of every day.

I

Automated Policy Enforcement

Move beyond "Acceptable Use" PDFs to live guardrails that block PII leaks and toxic outputs in real time, at the request boundary.

II

Risk-Based Intake

Identify high-stakes "Action-Tier" agents (those moving money, touching PHI, calling external APIs) and route them through automated, rigorous validation.

III

Deployment Sovereignty

Choose models by topology. For regulated industries, host privately and securely so data never leaves your perimeter: cloud, VPC, or on-prem.

IV

Continuous Assurance

Replace spot checks with continuous evaluation. Factuality scoring, drift analysis, and injection detection running on every single request.

V

Operational Accountability

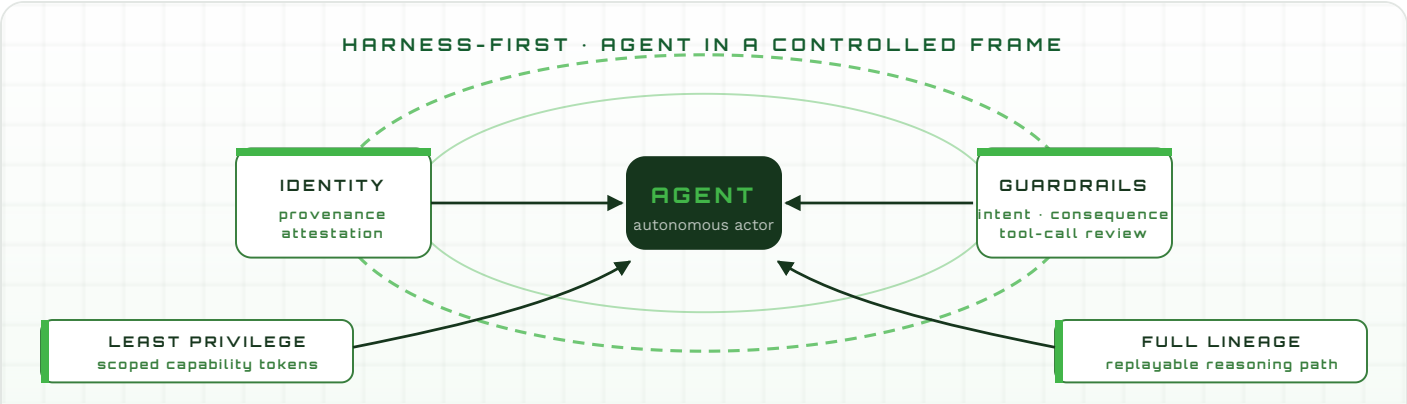
Maintain a live, auditable registry of every AI system, backed by verifiable logs that survive a regulator or a customer security review.

The pattern: Every pillar is a ritual the committee no longer has to *perform*, because the control plane performs it instead. The meeting becomes a place to decide policy. The runtime is where the policy lives.

III THE SECRET TO SUCCESS: THE GOVERNANCE HARNESS

A harness doesn't stop movement. It distributes load.

We use the term "harness" deliberately. A harness doesn't stop movement; it distributes load and keeps the actor safe under stress. The only way to govern the agentic future is through a *harness-first architecture*. Every autonomous component wired into identity, action review, scope, and lineage by default.

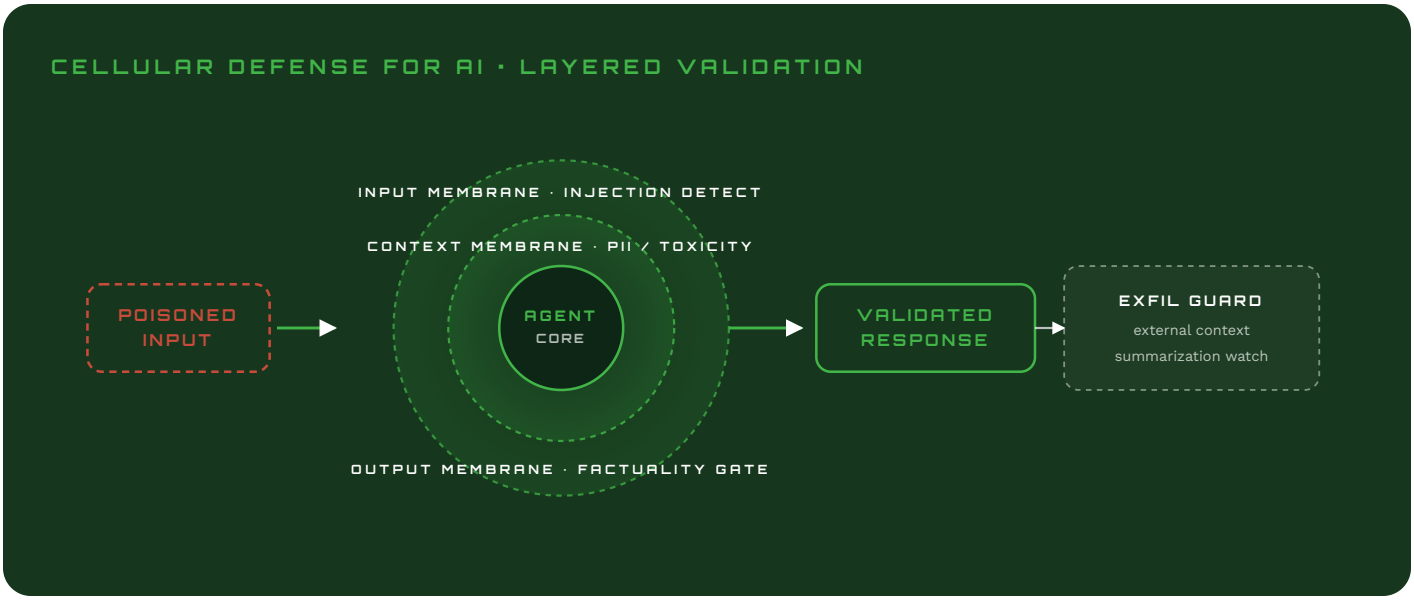


COMPONENT	THE PREDICTION GUARD SOLUTION
Agent Identity	Verifiable provenance and attestation for every autonomous system. Every action traceable to a known actor.
Action Guardrails	Evaluating intent and consequence *before* an agent calls an API, moves money, or writes to a downstream system.
Least Privilege	Scoping agent capabilities so a researcher can't accidentally "write" to the CRM and a CRM agent can't read the data lake.
Full Lineage	Reconstructing the reasoning path for every agent decision. One hundred percent auditability, replay on demand.

IV SECURITY AS A STRATEGIC ADVANTAGE

Prompt injection is lateral movement by a new name.

In the agentic era, prompt injection isn't a glitch. It's a method for lateral movement. A single poisoned document can hijack an agent's behavior across your entire enterprise. The defense pattern that scales is *cellular*: validate at every membrane, contain inside every cell.



Zero Trust AI

Treat every model output as a potential threat until validated by the control plane. No path is trusted by default.

Covert Exfiltration Defense

Monitor agents to ensure they aren't summarizing sensitive data into external contexts or third-party tool calls.

Private Infrastructure

Eliminate third-party API risk by composing and deploying governed AI systems in any infrastructure your builders need.

V BEYOND THE GATEKEEPER: THE ENABLER

The committee becomes a resource, not a roadblock.

By using a centralized control plane, the committee gives business units *pre-approved patterns*. A developer pulls a "Safe RAG" template from the Prediction Guard registry knowing the guardrails, PII filters, and factuality checks are already baked in. When governance is automated, adoption accelerates.

PATTERN REGISTRY

PRE-APPROVED

Safe RAG
Retrieval with PII redaction, source citation, and factuality gate on every response.
PII

Action-Tier Agent
Tool-call review, scoped tokens, dual approval on irreversible operations.
TIER 1

Sovereign Summarizer
Single-tenant model, on-prem deployment, zero egress; ideal for PHI and ITAR data.
ITAR

Continuous Eval
Factuality scoring, drift analysis, and injection detection on every request, with rollback.
SLA

Model Swap
Hot-swap underlying model without changing the trust contract. Same policy, new engine.
OPS

BEFORE VS. AFTER

~~3-month security review~~	→	Pull template in 5 min
~~Re-litigate every project~~	→	Inherit registry decisions
~~Bespoke PII filters per app~~	→	One policy, every system
~~"Is this on the approved list?"~~	→	Approved-list *is* the runtime
~~Committee as bottleneck~~	→	Committee as platform
~~Use of unapproved models & tools~~	→	Enterprise-approved AI
~~Fear-based model exclusions~~	→	Dynamic model benchmarking

THE REFRAME

Instead of waiting months for approval, a developer pulls a Safe RAG template from the Prediction Guard registry, with guardrails, PII filters, and factuality checks already baked in.

CLOSE THE STRATEGIC BET

The differentiator is the harness, not the agent.

> **The future of enterprise AI is not about model size or technical experimentation. It is about who has governed context and scalable orchestration.**
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The technology to build agents is becoming a commodity. The true differentiator is **the harness around them**: the identity, the security, and the trust fabric. The enterprises that treat governance as a strategic infrastructure investment will move faster and take on more ambitious workloads than those relying on manual oversight.

Don't just build agents. Build a governed enterprise.

Take control of your AI governance today.

Visit predictionguard.com to see how we make private, safe, and agentic AI a reality: composed, governed, and deployed on your infrastructure.

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