

Standards Announcement

Project 2020-03 Supply Chain Low Impact Revisions

CIP-003-X

Formal Comment Period Open through October 11, 2021
Ballot Pools Forming through September 27, 2021

[Now Available](#)

A 45-day formal comment period for reliability standard **CIP-003-X - Cyber Security — Security Management Controls**, is open through **8 p.m. Eastern, Monday, October 11, 2021**.

Project 2016-02 (Virtualization) and Project 2020-03 (Supply Chain) are both making modifications to CIP-003. The Supply Chain team will post CIP-003 with a –X version letter at the end and Virtualization will post CIP-003 with a –Y. The version number will be assigned upon adoption by the NERC Board of Trustees.

Commenting

Use the [Standards Balloting and Commenting System \(SBS\)](#) to submit comments. An unofficial Word version of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

Ballot Pools

Ballot pools are being formed through **8 p.m. Eastern, Monday, September 27, 2021**. Registered Ballot Body members can join the ballot pools [here](#).

- *Contact NERC IT support directly at <https://support.nerc.net/> (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Eastern) for problems regarding accessing the SBS due to a forgotten password, incorrect credential error messages, or system lock-out.*
- *Passwords expire every **6 months** and must be reset.*
- *The SBS is **not** supported for use on mobile devices.*
- *Please be mindful of ballot and comment period closing dates. We ask to **allow at least 48 hours** for NERC support staff to assist with inquiries. Therefore, it is recommended that users try logging into their SBS accounts **prior to the last day** of a comment/ballot period.*

Next Steps

An initial ballot for the standard and non-binding poll of the associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels will be conducted October 1-11, 2021.

For more information on the Standards Development Process, refer to the [Standard Processes Manual](#).

For more information or assistance, contact Senior Standards Developer, [Alison Oswald](#) (via email) or at 404-446-9668. [Subscribe to this project's observer mailing list](#) by selecting "NERC Email Distribution Lists" from the "Service" drop-down menu and specify "Project 2020-03 Supply Chain Low Impact Revisions" in the Description Box.

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