

## Standard Development Timeline

This section is maintained by the drafting team during the development of the standard and will be removed when the standard is adopted by the NERC Board of Trustees (Board).

### Description of Current Draft

Completed Actions	Date
Standards Committee approved Standard Authorization Request (SAR) for posting	03/22/2023
SAR posted for comment	04/06/2023 – 05/05/2023
35-day formal comment period with ballot	12/14/2023 – 01/17/2024

Anticipated Actions	Date
20-day formal comment period with ballot	02/27/2024 – 03/18/2024
5-day final ballot	TBD
Board adoption	TBD

## **New or Modified Term(s) Used in NERC Reliability Standards**

This section includes all new or modified terms used in the proposed standard that will be included in the *Glossary of Terms Used in NERC Reliability Standards* upon applicable regulatory approval. Terms used in the proposed standard that are already defined and are not being modified can be found in the *Glossary of Terms Used in NERC Reliability Standards*. The new or revised terms listed below will be presented for approval with the proposed standard. Upon Board adoption, this section will be removed.

**Term(s):**

None

## A. Introduction

1. **Title:** Internal Network Security Monitoring
2. **Number:** CIP-015-1
3. **Purpose:** To improve the probability of detecting anomalous or unauthorized network activity in order to facilitate improved response and recovery from an attack.
4. **Applicability:**
  - 4.1. **Functional Entities:** For the purpose of the requirements contained herein, the following list of functional entities will be collectively referred to as “Responsible Entities.” For requirements in this standard where a specific functional entity or subset of functional entities are the applicable entity or entities, the functional entity or entities are specified explicitly.
    - 4.1.1. **Balancing Authority**
    - 4.1.2. **Distribution Provider** that owns one or more of the following Facilities, systems, and equipment for the protection or restoration of the BES:
      - 4.1.2.1. Each underfrequency Load shedding (UFLS) or undervoltage Load shedding (UVLS) system that:
        - 4.1.2.1.1. Is part of a Load shedding program that is subject to one or more requirements in a NERC or Regional Reliability Standard; and
        - 4.1.2.1.2. Performs automatic Load shedding under a common control system owned by the Responsible Entity, without human operator initiation, of 300 MW or more.
      - 4.1.2.2. Each Remedial Action Scheme (RAS) where the RAS is subject to one or more requirements in a NERC or Regional Reliability Standard
      - 4.1.2.3. Each Protection System (excluding UFLS and UVLS) that applies to Transmission where the Protection System is subject to one or more requirements in a NERC or Regional Reliability Standard.
      - 4.1.2.4. Each Cranking Path and group of Elements meeting the initial switching requirements from a Blackstart Resource up to and including the first interconnection point of the starting station service of the next generation unit(s) to be started.
    - 4.1.3. **Generator Operator**
    - 4.1.4. **Reliability Coordinator**

**4.1.5. Transmission Operator**

**4.1.6. Transmission Owner**

**4.2. Facilities:** For the purpose of the requirements contained herein, the following Facilities, systems, and equipment owned by each Responsible Entity in 4.1 above are those to which these requirements are applicable. For requirements in this standard where a specific type of Facilities, system, or equipment or subset of Facilities, systems, and equipment are applicable, these are specified explicitly.

**4.2.1 Distribution Provider:** One or more of the following Facilities, systems, and equipment owned by the Distribution Provider for the protection or restoration of the BES:

**4.2.1.1** Each UFLS or UVLS System that:

**4.2.1.1.1** is part of a Load shedding program that is subject to one or more requirements in a NERC or Regional Reliability Standard; and

**4.2.1.1.2** performs automatic Load shedding under a common control system owned by the Responsible Entity, without human operator initiation, of 300 MW or more.

**4.2.1.2** Each Special Protection System (SPS) where the SPS is subject to one or more requirements in a NERC or Regional Reliability Standard.

**4.2.1.3** Each Protection System (excluding UFLS and UVLS) that applies to Transmission where the Protection System is subject to one or more requirements in a NERC or Regional Reliability Standard.

**4.2.1.4** Each Cranking Path and group of Elements meeting the initial switching requirements from a Blackstart Resource up to and including the first interconnection point of the starting station service of the next generation unit(s) to be started.

**4.2.2 Responsible Entities listed in 4.1 other than Distribution Providers:**  
All BES Facilities.

**4.2.3 Exemptions:** The following are exempt from Reliability Standard CIP-015-1:

**4.2.3.1** Cyber Systems at Facilities regulated by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission.

- 4.2.3.2** Cyber Systems associated with communication networks and data communication links between discrete Electronic Security Perimeters (ESP).
  - 4.2.3.3** Cyber Systems, associated with communication networks and data communication links, between the Cyber Systems providing confidentiality and integrity of an ESP that extends to one or more geographic locations.
  - 4.2.3.4** The systems, structures, and components that are regulated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission under a cyber security plan pursuant to 10 C.F.R. Section 73.54.
  - 4.2.3.5** For Distribution Providers, the systems and equipment that are not included in section 4.2.1 above.
  - 4.2.3.6** Responsible Entities that identify that they have no BES Cyber Systems categorized as high impact or medium impact with External Routable Connectivity (ERC) according to the CIP-002-identification and categorization processes.
- 5. Effective Date:** See Implementation Plan for CIP-015-1.

## B. Requirements and Measures

**R1.** Responsible Entity shall implement one or more documented process(es) for internal network security monitoring (INSM) of high impact BES Cyber Systems (BCS) and medium impact BCS with External Routable Connectivity (ERC) within the Responsible Entity's ESPs to increase the probability of detecting anomalous or unauthorized network activity. The documented process(es) shall include each of the applicable requirement parts. *[Violation Risk Factor: Medium] [Time Horizon: Same Day Operations and Operations Assessment]*

**1.1.** Identify network data collection locations and methods, based on the network security risk(s), to monitor network activity including connections, devices, and network communications.

**1.2.** Implement one or more method(s) to detect anomalous network activity using the data collected at locations identified in Part 1.1.

**1.3.** Implement one or more method(s) to evaluate activity detected in Part 1.2 to determine appropriate action.

**M1.** Evidence must include each of the applicable documented process(es) that collectively include each of the applicable requirement parts in Requirement R1 and additional evidence to demonstrate implementation as described in the measure parts. Examples of evidence may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following for each Part:

### Part 1.1

- Architecture documents or other documents detailing data collection methods; or
- Documented rationale on how network locations were selected or excluded for data collection.

### Part 1.2

- Detection events;
- Configuration settings of INSM monitoring systems; or
- Documentation of a baseline used to monitor against unauthorized network activity.

### Part 1.3

- Documentation of method(s) used to evaluate anomalous activity;
- Documentation of responses to detected anomalies, etc.; or
- Documentation of escalation process(es) that could include CIP-008 Cyber Security Incident response plan(s).

- R2.** Responsible Entity shall implement one or more documented process(es) to protect INSM data collected in support of Requirement R1 to mitigate the risks of unauthorized deletion or modification, except during CIP Exceptional Circumstances. *[Violation Risk Factor: Lower] [Time Horizon: Same Day Operations and Operations Assessment]*
- M2.** Examples of evidence may include, but are not limited to, documentation demonstrating how data is being protected from the risk of unauthorized deletion or modification.
- R3.** Responsible Entity shall implement one or more documented process(es) to retain network communications data and other meta data collected with sufficient detail and duration to support the analysis in Requirement R1, Part 1.3, except during CIP Exceptional Circumstances. *[Violation Risk Factor: Lower] [Time Horizon: Same Day Operations and Operations Assessment]*
- M3.** Examples of evidence may include, but are not limited to, documentation of the data retention process(es), system configuration(s), or system-generated report(s) showing data retention with timelines sufficient to perform the analysis of actionable anomalous activity.

## C. Compliance

### 1. Compliance Monitoring Process

**1.1. Compliance Enforcement Authority:** “Compliance Enforcement Authority” means NERC or the Regional Entity, or any entity as otherwise designated by an Applicable Governmental Authority, in their respective roles of monitoring and/or enforcing compliance with mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards in their respective jurisdictions.

**1.2. Evidence Retention:**

The following evidence retention periods identify the period of time an entity is required to retain specific evidence to demonstrate compliance. For instances where the evidence retention period specified below is shorter than the time since the last audit, the CEA may ask an entity to provide other evidence to show that it was compliant for the full time period since the last audit.

The Responsible Entity shall keep data or evidence to show compliance as identified below unless directed by its CEA to retain specific evidence for a longer period of time as part of an investigation:

- Each Responsible Entity shall retain evidence of each requirement in this standard for three calendar years.
- If a Responsible Entity is found non-compliant, it shall keep information related to the non-compliance until mitigation is complete and approved or for the time specified above, whichever is longer.
- The CEA shall keep the last audit records and all requested and submitted subsequent audit records.

**1.3. Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program:** As defined in the NERC Rules of Procedure, “Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program” refers to the identification of the processes that will be used to evaluate data or information for the purpose of assessing performance or outcomes with the associated Reliability Standard.



## Violation Severity Levels

R #	Violation Severity Levels			
	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
R1.	N/A	N/A	<p>The Responsible Entity did not implement one or more method(s) to detect anomalous activity using the data collected at locations identified in Part 1.1.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Responsible Entity did not implement one or more method(s) to evaluate activity detected in Part 1.2 to determine appropriate action.</p>	<p>The Responsible Entity did not include any of the applicable requirement parts to increase the probability of detecting an attack that has bypassed other security controls (1.1-1.3).</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Responsible Entity did not identify network data collection locations and methods that provide value, based on the network security risk(s), to monitor network activity including connections, devices, and network communications (1.1).</p>
R2.	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>The Responsible Entity did not implement one or more documented process(es) to protect INSM data collected in support of Requirement R1 to mitigate the risks of unauthorized deletion or modification (except during CIP Exceptional Circumstances).</p>

R3.	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Responsible Entity did not implement one or more documented process(es) to retain network communications data and other meta data collected with sufficient detail and duration to support the analysis in Requirement R1, Part 1.3 (except during CIP Exceptional Circumstances).
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**D. Regional Variances**

None.

**E. Associated Documents**

Link to the Implementation Plan and other important associated documents.

### Version History

Version	Date	Action	Change Tracking
1	TBD	Approved by the NERC Board of Trustees.	