

Standards, Compliance, and Enforcement Bulletin

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ACTIVE STANDARDS POSTINGS					
Current Ballots (ballot periods close at 8:00 p.m. Eastern)					
Project Action Start Date					
Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources	Additional Ballots and Non-	10/25/24	11/04/24		
Draft 3–BAL-007-1	Binding Poll				
Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources	Initial Ballots and Non-binding	10/25/24	11/04/24		
Draft 1–TOP-003-7	<u>Poll</u>				
Project 2024-03 – Revisions to EOP-012-2 Draft 1	Initial Ballots and Non-binding	10/31/24	11/5/24		
	<u>Poll</u>				
Project 2023-06 – CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement Draft 2–CIP-014-4	Additional Ballots and Non-	10/28/24	11/06/24		
	Binding Poll				
Join Ballot Pools					



Project	Action	Start Date	End Date	
Posted for Comment				
Project	Action	Start Date		
Project 2023-07 – Transmission Planning Performance Requirements for Extreme Weather	Comment Period	10/09/24	10/21/24	
Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources Draft 1–TOP-003-7 and Draft 3–BAL-007-1	Comment Period	09/19/24	11/04/24	
Project 2024-03 – Revisions to EOP-012-2	Comment Period	10/17/24	11/05/24	
Project 2023-06 – CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement Draft 2–CIP-014-4	Comment Period	09/23/24	11/06/24	
OTHER ACTIVE COMMENT				
Posted for Comme	ent			
Posting	Action	Start Date	End Date	
Request for Comments: Modifications to Section 1600 Data Request for Transmission Availability Data System (TADS) <u>TADS Section 1600 Data</u> <u>Request Materials</u> In accordance with NERC's Rule of Procedure, Section 1600 Data Requests must include a 45-day public comment period. NERC is seeking to update the TADS Section 1600 data request to add value by expanding TADS reporting to include:	All comments must be submitted in an electronic document to <u>tads@nerc.net</u> using the <u>comment form.</u>	10/09/24	11/25/24	
 Load loss outage data resulting from transmission system outages, to support performance assessments and resilience analysis of the Bulk Power System Geographical data, to more accurately evaluate the extent of 				
 transmission system outages Equipment sub-cause codes, to enhance equipment cause codes for detailed analysis of outage causes 				



STANDARDS NEWS

NEW NERC's Milestone 3 Projects Highlight and Address Scope of Issues Related to Current State of Model Quality

In response to FERC Order No. 901 and consistent with NERC's commitment to identifying and addressing challenges associated with inverter-based resources (IBRs), NERC is actively developing key Reliability Standards projects to enhance IBR planning and ensure reliable grid reliability. NERC's Order No. 901 work plan includes four milestones designed to meet FERC's directives within the specified timeframes. Milestone 3 focuses on developing and filing standards that enhance data sharing and model validation for all IBRs. This milestone has a filing deadline of November 4, 2025, with a full implementation target of January 1, 2030. NERC's Milestone 3 Summary provides a high-level overview of its associated projects. Full Announcement.

Quick Links

Register in the SBS Standards Project Prioritization (November 2023) Projected Standards Posting Schedule Project Tracking Spreadsheet 2023-2025 Reliability Standards Development Plan (Filed With FERC) Quality Review Application One-Stop Shop (Status, Purpose, Implementation Plans, FERC Orders, RSAWs) Submit Questions or Feedback

GENERAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT NEWS

NEW Posted: Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program Implementation Plan–2025 Annual Report

The Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) Enterprise Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program (CMEP) Implementation Plan (IP) is the annual operating plan used by the ERO Enterprise in performing CMEP responsibilities and duties. The ERO Enterprise executes CMEP activities in accordance with the NERC Rules of Procedure (including Appendix 4C), their respective Regional Delegation Agreements, and other agreements with regulatory authorities in Canada and Mexico. The Rules of Procedure require development of an annual CMEP IP.

Compliance Monitoring & Enforcement Program One-
Stop Shop
ERO Enterprise Program Alignment Process
Consistency Reporting Tool (EthicsPoint)
Risk-Based Registration Initiative
Reliability Standard Audit Worksheets
Enforcement & Mitigation: Enforcement Actions
Align and ERO SEL

The ERO Enterprise is pleased to release the 2025 CMEP IP describing the risks that will be priorities for the ERO Enterprise's CMEP activities in 2025. Collectively, NERC and each Regional Entity have worked collaboratively throughout this CMEP's development to evaluate reports of NERC committees, ERO Enterprise analysis of events, and NERC reliability assessments to identify the existing and emerging risks to reliable and secure operations.



The 2025 risk elements included are similar to the 2024 risk elements that reflect the maturation of the risk-based approach to compliance monitoring. The changes include a new Transmission Planning and Modeling risk element, and the expansion of the Physical Security risk element which includes a focus on low impact BES Cyber Systems. It is encouraged to note not only the risk elements, but the discrete risks identified within the risk element descriptions. <u>CA One-Stop Shop</u>.

NEW Updated Registered Entity User Guide Now Available on Align

For the ERO SEL submission portal, the Registered Entity User Guide is updated and now published on the <u>Align and SEL page</u>, under the new Align and SEL Entity User Guides section, as well as the <u>Align and ERO SEL Training Materials</u> page. The revisions to the **Registered Entity SEL Portal Guide** include updating the formatting from the initial version, correcting typos, updating information and screenshots to reflect current functionality, detailing and clarifying various steps, incorporating tips from the SEL Cheat Sheet, and adding a Revision History table to capture future edits.

To review the updated Registered Entity SEL Portal Guide, please navigate to one of the links above. If using the Align and ERO SEL Training Materials page, select the Registered Entity role and scroll to the Resources section at the bottom of the page. Locate the "Registered Entity SEL Portal Guide" document. Updates to the remaining User Guides are in progress and future announcements will notify users when the guides are available for reference.

Please note, the ERO Enterprise will be adding entity user guides to the new section of the Align and SEL page while retaining guides on the training materials' resources as well. The *Secure Evidence Locker Cheat Sheet* will be retired from the Align and SEL page on December 2, 2024, as this information is now reflected in the updated portal user guide. If you have any questions, please contact <u>AskAlign@nerc.net</u>.

STANDARDS SUBJECT TO FUTURE ENFORCEMENT

Please refer to the U.S. Effective Dates page for the most up-to-date information on effective dates and for more detail on the table below.

U.S. Effective Dates for Reliability Standards			
U.S. Effective Date	Standard(s)		
July 1, 2025	IRO-010-5 – Reliability Coordinator Data and information Specification and Collection Implementation Plan TOP-003-6.1 – Transmission Operator and Balancing Authority Data and Information Specification and Collection Implementation Plan		
October 1, 2025	TOP-002-5 – Operations Planning Implementation Plan		
April 1, 2026	<u>CIP-003-9 – Cyber Security — Security Management Controls</u> <u>Implementation Plan</u>		
July 1, 2026	CIP-012-2 – Cyber Security–Communications between Control Centers Implementation Plan		



BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND FERC ACTION

NEW NERC Filing

On October 28, 2024, NERC submitted its 2024 <u>Frequency Response Annual Analysis (FRAA)</u> report for the administration and support of Reliability Standard BAL-003-2-Frequency Response and Frequency Bias Setting. <u>Filings to FERC for 2024</u>.

NEW FERC Order

On October 30, 2024, FERC issued a <u>letter order</u> approving the August 26, 2024 Compliance Filing submitted in response to FERC's Order Approving Revisions to NERC's Rules of Procedure. <u>FERC Orders for 2024</u>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

For a full accounting of upcoming events, please refer to the <u>NERC Calendar</u>.

Workshops and Conferences					
Event	Time	Date	Location	Registration	
Cold Weather Project Technical Conference	All day	November 12	Austin, TX	Agenda Register	
NERC-NATF-EPRI Annual Transmission Planning and Modeling Workshop	1:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	November 19–20	Virtual	Save the Date	

Webinars				
Event	Time	Date	Registration	
Interregional Transfer Capability Study	3:00 –4:00 p.m. Eastern	November 5	<u>Details</u>	
Inverter-Based Resource Registration Webinar	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	November 13	Details	

Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls				
Event	Time	Date	Registration	
Credential Maintenance Working Group Meeting	1:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern	November 12	Agenda Register	
Standards Committee Virtual Meeting	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	November 13	Details	
Standards Committee Meeting	10:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	December 10	In-Person Virtual	

ERO Enterprise Events				
Event	Time	Date	Registration	
NEW NPCC Fall 2024 Hybrid Compliance and Reliability Conference	8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Eastern	November 6–7	<u>Details</u>	
Texas RE 2024 Fall Standards, Security, and Reliability Workshop	10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.	November 20	<u>Details</u>	
	Eastern			

Standard Drafting Team Meetings Please refer to the <u>Standards</u> calendar for the most up-to-date listing of upcoming meetings.					
Project	Time	Date	Registration		
Project 2023-04 – Modifications to CIP-003	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	November 4	<u>Details</u>		
NEW Project 2024-01 – Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	November 6–7	<u>Details</u>		
(Generator Owner and Generator Operator)					
NEW Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	November 7	<u>Details</u>		
NEW Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	12:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern	November 8	<u>Details</u>		
Project 2024-03 – Revisions to EOP-012-2	9:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Eastern	November 13–15	<u>Details</u>		
NEW Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	November 14	<u>Details</u>		
NEW Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	12:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern	November 15	<u>Details</u>		
NEW Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	November 19	<u>Details</u>		
NEW Project 2023-06 – Modifications to CIP-014	All day	November 20–22	<u>Details</u>		

ABOUT THE STANDARDS, COMPLIANCE, AND ENFORCEMENT BULLETIN

This weekly bulletin compiles a list of standards, compliance, and enforcement projects with actionable deadlines, as well as upcoming events, recently posted resources, other NERC documents posted for comment, and other relevant news and information. Please email <u>Maureen Murtha</u> with feedback on this bulletin. The current bulletin and old bulletins are available under "Program News" on both the <u>Standards home page</u> and the <u>Compliance & Enforcement home page</u>.

REGISTRATION: If you would like to receive this bulletin or be added to a NERC distribution list, you <u>must</u> first register an account in the <u>ERO</u> <u>Portal</u>. Once you have registered your ERO Portal account, authenticated your credentials with DUO, and completed your profile, please submit a ticket through the <u>Help Desk</u> by selecting the "NERC Email Distribution List" option under the Applications menu. In the Description Box, please specify which lists you would like your email address to be added to. If you are unsure of which distribution list you would like to be added to, an excellent starting point is the "<u>Committee</u>" page. You can note the committee abbreviation, which represents the distribution list you would like to join, in the Description Box. If you have other NERC-related or specific Standards projects you're interested in, you may request those as well. If you're interested in general information, please request to be added to the NERC-info distribution list, which covers most NERC announcements. This bulletin is distributed to several lists, including the Standards distribution list (Standards-specific announcements) and the NERC-info distribution list.