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## Standards Announcement

### Initial Ballot Results

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#### **Project 2009-23: Interpretation of CIP-004-2 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

The initial ballot for a revised interpretation of CIP-004-2 — Cyber Security — Personnel & Training, Requirement R3, for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ended on April 8, 2010.

#### **Ballot Results**

Voting statistics are listed below, and the [Ballot Results](#) Web page provides a link to the detailed results:

Quorum: 88.52 %  
Approval: 63.43 %

Since at least one negative ballot included a comment, these results are not final. A second (or recirculation) ballot must be conducted. Ballot criteria are listed at the end of the announcement.

#### **Next Steps**

As part of the recirculation ballot process, the drafting team must draft and post responses to voter comments. The drafting team will also determine whether or not to make revisions to the balloted item(s). Should the team decide to make revisions, the revised item(s) will return to the initial ballot phase.

#### **Project Background**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers requested clarification on acceptable sources of identity verification, whether the seven-year verification updates are required in all situations, and the acceptable level of the seven-year criminal check.

This is a revised version of the interpretation. The drafting team made revisions to address balloter concerns regarding 1) documents required for identity verification for persons living outside the United States and Canada and 2) the guidance provided by the team concerning “local agency checks.” The changes to the interpretation are shown in a redline version posted for review. The team has also posted a response to comments received during the initial ballot of the original interpretation, conducted December 1–14, 2009.

More information is available on the project page: [http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2009-23\\_CIP-004-2\\_R3\\_RFI\\_USACoE.html](http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2009-23_CIP-004-2_R3_RFI_USACoE.html)

#### **Standards Development Process**

The [Reliability Standards Development Procedure](#) contains all the procedures governing the standards development process. The success of the NERC standards development process depends on stakeholder participation. We extend our thanks to all those who participate.

#### **Ballot Criteria**

Approval requires both a (1) quorum, which is established by at least 75% of the members of the ballot pool for submitting either an affirmative vote, a negative vote, or an abstention, and (2) A two-thirds majority of the weighted segment votes cast must be affirmative; the number of votes cast is the sum of affirmative and negative votes, excluding abstentions and nonresponses. If there are no negative votes with reasons from the first ballot, the results of the first ballot shall stand. If, however, one or more members submit negative votes with reasons, a second ballot shall be conducted.

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