

The speed at which risks to the reliability, security, and resilience of the bulk power system are emerging during the transformation to a decentralized, digitized, and decarbonized grid is outpacing industry's ability to develop, enhance, and implement Reliability Standards under the existing processes and procedures. At its February 2025 meeting, the NERC Board of Trustees passed a resolution forming an industry-led Modernization of Standards Processes and Procedures Task Force (MSPPTF) to undertake a strategic review of NERC's Reliability Standards development process. The task force will present proposed recommendations to the NERC Board in February 2026.

## 2025 August Update

### Background

The MSPPTF is focusing on transforming current processes and procedures to ensure that standards can be developed more efficiently and effectively to better address the complex and rapidly evolving risk landscape.

### Key Activities

The MSPPTF has posted for comment a [white paper](#) on potential improvement opportunities in three areas: standards initiation, standards development, and balloting. The task force hosted a stakeholder webinar on [July 21](#) to provide context in advance of the white paper's release on July 22. More than 375 stakeholders participated, reflecting the level of interest and the importance of the initiative. The white paper was informed by [input](#) from a stakeholder survey and is posted for stakeholder feedback through 11:59 p.m. Pacific, August 27, 2025.

The task force will host three virtual Q&A sessions to provide useful context to facilitate stakeholders' responses.

- August 5 | Standards Initiation | 4:00–5:00 p.m. (Eastern) | [Register Here](#)
- August 6 | Standards Development | 12:00–1:00 p.m. (Eastern) | [Register Here](#)
- August 8 | Balloting | 11:00–12:00 noon (Eastern) | [Register Here](#)

During the Q&A sessions, the MSPPTF will answer questions, provide any necessary clarification, and receive feedback on the potential improvement opportunities presented in the white paper. The task force welcomes questions in advance at [mspp@nerc.net](mailto:mspp@nerc.net).

### Stakeholder Outreach

Task force members continued to socialize the MSPP initiative at NERC committee meetings, including at the Standards Committee, Compliance and Certification Committee, Reliability and Security Technical Committee, and the Member Representatives Committee Informational Session. Additionally, the task force kicked off a series of MSPPTF-focused events with the Regional Entities, including a segment on ReliabilityFirst's July Tech Talk during which two task force members presented to over 270 attendees. More Regional Entity-hosted events are planned for August and are listed [here](#). Task Force members have also been active in their respective trade organizations presenting at working group and committee meetings, and through informal conversations with peers. With the release of the white paper, the task force members are gearing up for a busy August and are eager to receive extensive feedback to inform next steps.

### Key Resources

Resources are available on the [MSPP webpage](#). Questions? Email [mspp@nerc.net](mailto:mspp@nerc.net).

## Q2 2025

- Developed scope document
- Identified areas for improvement
- Solicit stakeholder input

## Q3 2025

- Develop white paper of potential improvement opportunities
- Solicit stakeholder input
- Develop draft recommendations

## Q4 2025

- Solicit stakeholder input
- Finalize recommendations

## Q1 2026

- Present recommendations to NERC Board

## Communications and Engagement

- Individual task force engagement
- General communications to and broad engagement with industry and stakeholders
- Updates to NERC's Board, MRC, Standing Committees, and Industry Groups