



Modernization of Standards Processes & Procedures

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 June Update

This is the second in a series of updates that summarize ongoing activities related to the MSPP initiative.

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. It is considering the spectrum of the current standards program, including processes, balloting, drafting, and the roles of team and committee members. The MSPPTF is also reviewing prior standard improvement efforts and recent Section 321 actions for lessons learned.

Key Activities

Since the last update, the MSPPTF has identified and prioritized three areas of opportunity for improvement in the standards process and is conducting a deep dive into: 1) standards initiation/standard authorization requests, 2) standards development/drafting, and 3) balloting. The task force is meeting this month to develop an initial outline of recommended changes.

Stakeholder Outreach

The MSPPTF also released a [survey](#) that provides stakeholders with the opportunity to offer ideas for consideration to transform current standards processes and procedures. The survey (which is due on **June 5**) is anonymous, and while the task force will not directly

respond to comments, survey feedback will be considered as the initial outline of recommended changes is developed. The initial outline will be posted this summer for additional stakeholder input.

The task force continues its comprehensive program to engage and provide updates to stakeholders through public announcements and various open meetings. MSPPTF Chair Greg Ford and Vice Chair Todd Lucas updated the NERC Board of Trustees on [MSPPTF activities](#) on May 8, and Todd Bennett updated the Standards Committee (SC) on May 21. Todd Lucas will provide an update at the [Joint Reliability and Security Technical Committee/SC/Reliability Issues Steering Committee meeting](#) on June 11. In addition, task force members are conducting outreach to various industry groups to gather informal input as indicated in the timeline below.

Key Resources

Several resources are available to keep industry and stakeholders informed throughout this critical project, including the [MSPP webpage](#) (located under the Initiatives tab on the [NERC homepage](#)), the [MSPPTF Scope](#), the [MSPP Roster](#), and [MSPP FAQs](#).

Questions? Please email mspp@nerc.net.

Q2 2025

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

Q3 2025

- Develop strawman draft of recommendations
- Solicit stakeholder input
- Refine 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