

# Modernization of Standards Processes and Procedures (MSPP) Task Force

MSPP Task Force  
Industry Briefing Webinar – [Click Here for Webinar Recording](#)  
July 21, 2025

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## Need for Transformational Change

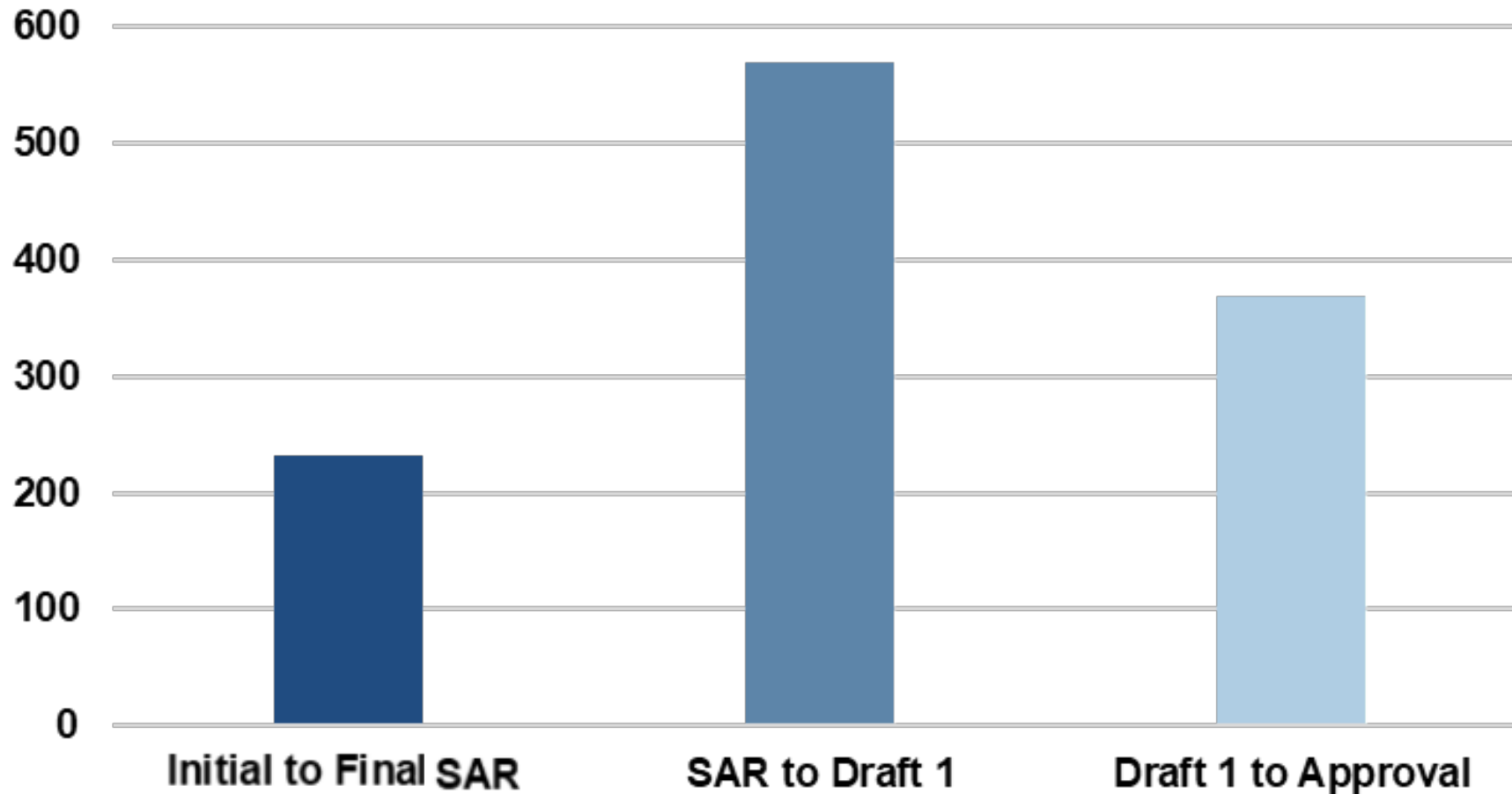
**Transformational changes to the standard development process would enhance NERC's ability to address risks associated with grid transformation.**

**Incremental enhancements to the standard development process have marginally improved efficiency, but recent events underscore need for transformational change.**

**Transformational change will help ensure that stakeholder participation in the standard development process continues to be robust and meaningful.**

**Survey results indicate broad agreement with scope of task force.**

## Duration of Each Process Step (in days)



## ***Transform and Modernize the Process***

Re-envision a modernized standard development process to address evolving risks.

## ***Create Efficiencies***

Identify areas of opportunity and recommendations to save time and remove redundant steps in the current process.

## ***Develop a Trusted Process***

Provide clear opportunities for stakeholder input, due process, openness, and balance of interests.

*March*



**Stood Up  
Task  
Force**

*April*



**April  
Workshop**

*May - June*



**Industry  
Feedback  
Survey**

*May - July*



**Opportunities  
Developed**

*June*

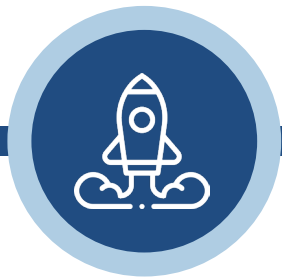


**June  
Workshop**

*July*



**White  
Paper  
Posted for  
Comment**



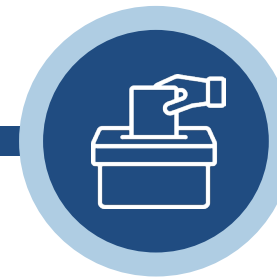
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- **Begins:** when a request to develop a standard is submitted
- **Ends:** a request is approved to begin the drafting process



## Standard Development

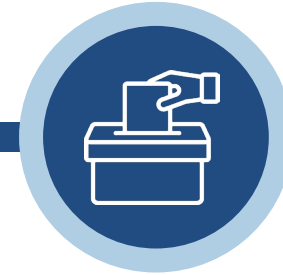
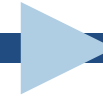
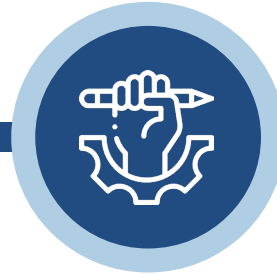
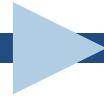
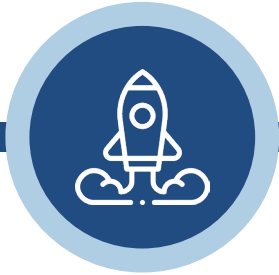
- **Begins:** a vetted request is approved for standard development
- **Ends:** a proposed standard is drafted



## Balloting

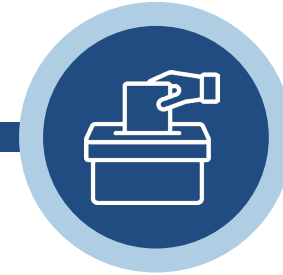
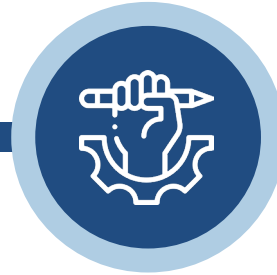
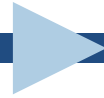
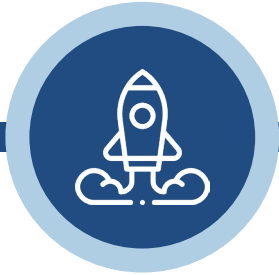
- **Begins:** when proposed standards are ready for industry balloting
- **Ends:** when either the standard is approved or returned back to the drafting process





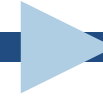
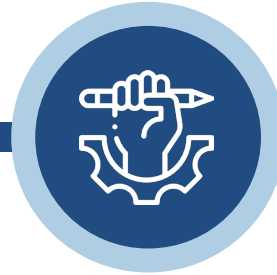
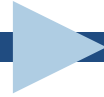
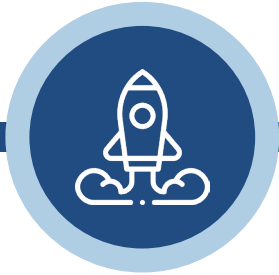
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**July 21**  
*Industry Webinar*

**Week of  
August 4**  
*“Drop-in” Q&A  
Sessions*

**July 22**  
*Public Comment  
Period Open*

**August 27**  
*Public Comment  
Period Closes*

**July-August**

*Industry Outreach (Regional Entity events,  
NERC Standing Committees, MRC, Board,  
task force outreach etc.)*

Date	Event	Event Time
July 21	ReliabilityFirst “Tech Talk”	2 – 3:30pm ET
<b>July 22</b>	<b>Public Comment Period Opens</b>	
August 5	Q&A Session - Standard Initiation	4 – 5pm ET
August 6	Q&A Session - Standard Development	12 – 1pm ET
August 7	NPCC Reliability Forum	9am – 12pm ET
August 7	WECC Webinar	4 – 5pm ET
August 8	Q&A Session – Balloting	11am – 12pm ET
August 12	Joint MRO/Texas RE Webinar	10 – 10:45am ET
<b>August 27</b>	<b>Public Comment Period Closes</b>	

## Next Steps

- Thoroughly read white paper, ponder the opportunities, and provide feedback
- Submit feedback on posted white paper by August 27
- Attend upcoming Q&A sessions and submit questions in advance
- Engage with industry peers, MSPPTF members and other relevant stakeholders

## Industry Feedback

- What opportunities, or aspects of the opportunities, do you support the Task Force pursuing and why? Do you have any suggestions to enhance them?
- What opportunities, or aspects of the opportunities, concern you? Why? Do you have any suggested modifications to address those concerns?
- What additional suggestions or input do you have for the Task Force's consideration?

## 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



- Several resources are available to keep industry and stakeholders informed throughout this critical project:
  - [MSPPTF Scope](#)
  - [MSPPTF Roster](#)
  - [MSPP FAQs](#)
  - [MSPPTF External Engagements](#)
- Resources and forthcoming engagements are posted on the [MSPPTF webpage](#) (under the Initiatives tab [NERC homepage](#)).
- The MSPPTF publishes a monthly update at the beginning of each month to provide an overview of recent activity and upcoming work.

## Monthly Update

The screenshot shows the MSPPTF webpage with the title 'Modernization of Standards Processes & Procedures'. It includes a detailed introduction about the task force's mission, a '2025 June Update' section, and a timeline of activities from Q2 2025 to Q1 2026. The timeline lists key milestones such as developing scope documents, soliciting stakeholder input, and refining draft recommendations. A 'Communications and Engagement' section at the bottom outlines the task force's outreach efforts.

**2025 June Update**  
This is the second in a series of updates that summarize ongoing activities related to the MSPPTF 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.

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# Questions and Answers

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