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E-ISAC Operations and Strategic Plan Update

Manny Cancel, NERC SVP and CEO of the E-ISAC
Technology and Security Committee Meeting
August 19, 2020

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- E-ISAC Operations Update
 - COVID-19 Operations
 - Threat Landscape
 - Operations Update
 - Information Sharing
 - Member Feedback
 - Strategic Partnerships
- E-ISAC Strategic Plan – Review and Endorsement



- Actively tracking COVID-19 since February 2020
 - Activated business continuity plan and continue to work remotely
 - Provide daily COVID-19 awareness reporting and threat intelligence
 - Participate in Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council (ESCC) activities
 - Regular update calls with industry and government
 - Tactical Tiger Teams
 - Tri-sector efforts
 - Coordinate with broader cross-sector community on response activities and updates



Cyber

- Geopolitical and state-sponsored attacks
- Ransomware attacks
- Attacks exploiting vulnerabilities in collaboration and other corporate software platforms
- COVID-19-related disinformation and malware campaigns

Physical

- Increase in intrusion, vandalism, and gunfire-related incidents
- Activist and protest activity
- Increased surveillance activities using unmanned aircraft systems (drones)
- E-ISAC reports and products released



- 24x7 Watch is fully operational
- Membership has increased by 10% in 2020
- New member onboarding processes and products
- GridEx VI – vendor selected and contract negotiations underway
- Cybersecurity Risk Information Sharing Program (CRISP)
 - Revised CRISP Governance Committee Charter and Data Handling Guide
 - Sys log pilot deployed to two utilities and will be extend to six more by Q4 2020
 - CRISP Operational Technology (OT) pilot recommendation pending additional discussions with Department of Energy (DOE) and CRISP participants



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Through July 31, 2020	News Items	Cybersecurity Bulletins	Physical Security Bulletins	Reports and Reference Documents	Events
24x7 Watch	207	9	2	124	2
Cyber Threat Intelligence Team	25	89	0	2	0
Physical Security Analysis Team	25	0	62	26	1
Engagement	7	0	0	24	10
Other	0	5	0	2	0
Totals	264	103	64	178	13

Member Shares

- Cyber – 356
- Physical Security – 542 (through June 30)



- Feedback on E-ISAC events, products, and services is generally positive and informs direction
- Use of electronic feedback facilities is limited
- Regular sources of feedback include:
 - **Industry Engagement Program** – 100% participation and 80% excellent rating
 - **GridSecCon** – 85% satisfaction; feedback reinforced value of networking (4.43/5 stars) and training opportunities (84% participation)
 - **GridEx** – 94% of participants said that GridEx allowed them to exercise their Operational Response Plans “Very Well” or “Well”
 - **Portal Postings** – Low response rate (10% response using rating system and 16% of postings receive comments)



Next Steps

- Gather more input on the quality and content of information shares by members and the E-ISAC
 - Apply industry best practices to gather and manage feedback
 - Use customer relationship management tool to enable more effective reporting and analysis
 - Streamline and optimize use of survey platforms
 - Conduct comprehensive survey in Q1 2021



- Facilitate enhanced government-industry collaboration
 - Leverage DOE resources
 - Leverage Department of Homeland (DHS) Security Cybersecurity Infrastructure and Security Agency intelligence products
- Multi-State ISAC, Downstream Natural Gas ISAC
 - Co-authored “Current Trends in Ransomware for Utilities”
 - Participating in E-ISAC monthly webinars
- Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)
 - Monthly analyst-to-analyst sharing of threat and vulnerability information
 - Collaboration with U.S. and Canadian Intelligence Communities on OT analytic frameworks (e.g., MITRE ATT@CK)
 - Continuing to explore opportunities with CRISP and Project Lighthouse
 - IESO Annual Cybersecurity Executive Briefing November 2-3, 2020

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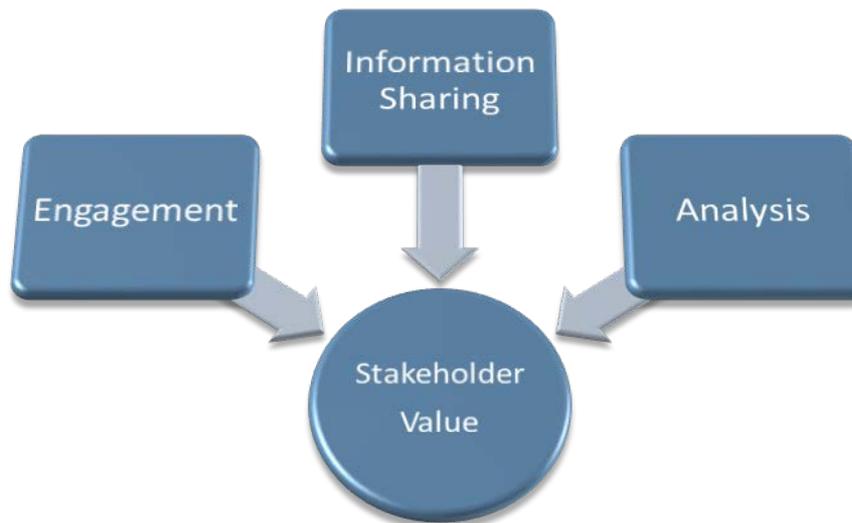


- Long-Term Strategic Plan
 - E-ISAC focus
 - Refinements to April draft
 - Resource Plan
 - Member Engagement
 - Partnerships
 - CRISP OT Pilot
 - Technology
- Endorsement of updated Strategic Plan



Focus areas and objectives remain unchanged

- Providing members with timely and actionable information
- Value-added analysis on security threats and mitigation strategies
- Facilitating collaboration among industry, U.S. and Canadian government partners, and other stakeholders
- Continuous improvement and alignment across our three strategic pillars



- No significant changes
- Refinements
 - Recognizes E-ISAC role and value in supporting both the ESCC and key government agencies
 - Acknowledges member service needs vary and importance of ongoing stakeholder guidance
 - Clarifies intelligence role as leveraging government and private sector threat and intelligence information (rather than performing an intelligence function)
 - Highlights considerations for evaluating extending services to downstream natural gas sector



- Maximize use and effectiveness of existing resources
 - No significant personnel increases in 2021 or projected over near term
- Prioritize and ensure value from strategic relationships
- Define role regarding OT initiatives
- Invest in cost effective technology solutions
- Factors that could affect future resource requirements
 - Increased information sharing
 - Large scale OT initiative
 - Extending services to other organizations



- Additional engagement opportunities
 - Expand and diversify outreach to include smaller and mid-size utilities
 - Collect and respond to member feedback
 - Participate in online speaking engagements
- Enhance new member onboarding experience
 - Implement Designated Approving Official and deploy new member guide
- Promote information sharing
 - Provide members with specific guidance to enhance information sharing
 - Promote 24x7 security operations staffing
 - Showcase analytical products and other tools

- Partnership goals
 - Align goals and strategies to provide timely, actionable information
 - Facilitate enhanced intelligence between government and industry
 - Collaborate on OT security initiatives
- COVID-19 has required us to reprioritize our efforts and timelines with our key partnerships
 - Limited availability of personnel
 - Challenges conducting classified briefings
- Align with National Infrastructure Advisory Council and Cyberspace Solarium recommendations

- Objective:
 - Capture raw and refined (i.e., analyzed) OT data, compare to CRISP data, generate processes and playbooks to address threats and vulnerabilities identified in OT and IT data
- Proposals received from Dragos, Pacific Northwest National Lab, and National Rural Electric Cooperative Association/Essence
 - All proposals are technically feasible but offer different features, cost models and implementation challenges
 - Several discussions with CRISP Governance Committee and DOE have taken place
- E-ISAC Recommendation:
 - While significant progress has been made, the E-ISAC recommends a 60 day pause to continue discussions with DOE and CRISP Governance Advisory Committee to finalize recommendation



- Investments to improve the efficiency of operations, enhance analytical capabilities, and member services
 - Data platform enhancements
 - Portal efficiency enhancements, including Salesforce integration work
- ThreatConnect enrichment (Threat Intelligence Platform)
- Open source information gathering tools (Recorded Future and Dataminr)
- Automated data integration pilot

A map of North America is shown in a light blue color. A darker blue horizontal band crosses the middle of the map, behind the title text.

Questions and Answers



Performance Metrics



2020 New Users:

1,076

2020 New Organizations:

143

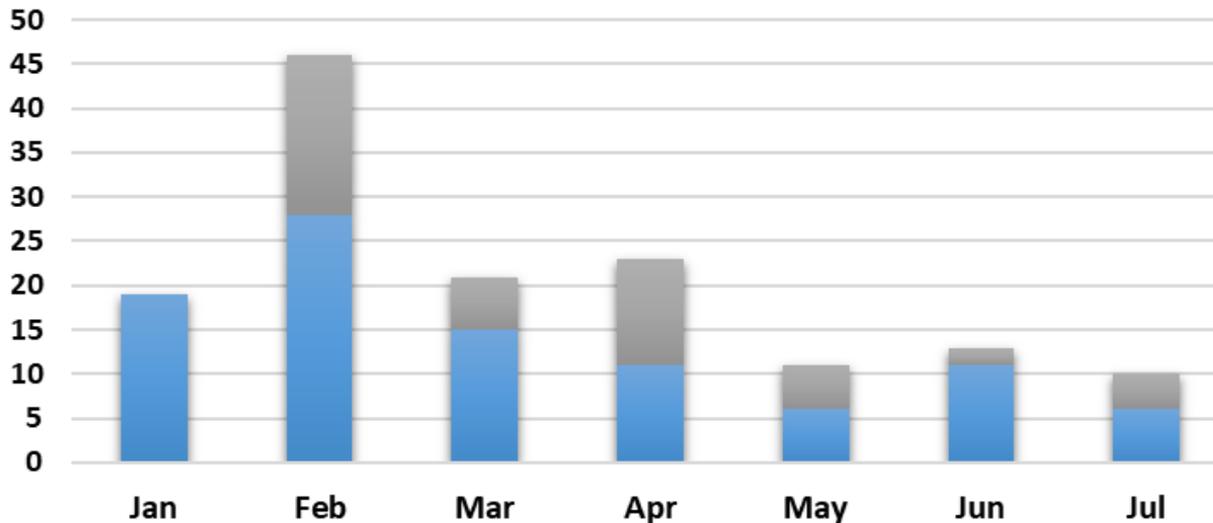
96 Members; 47 Partners

Industry Mix:

Cooperatives added at fastest rate during first half of 2020.

New Organizations Added - 2020

■ Member ■ Partner



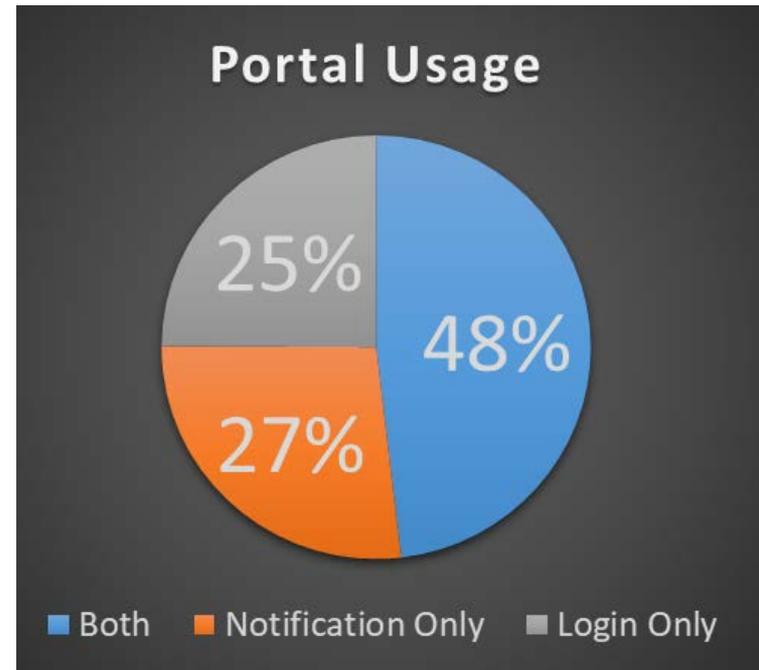
Type	Count	Pct
Cooperative	36	38%
Investor-Owned	23	24%
Other	16	17%
State/Municipality	13	14%
Merchant	4	4%
Federal/Provincial	4	4%

Percent of new Member Orgs

Jan – Jul 2020 Summary

Sharing from members is still highly concentrated

- 79 unique organizations posted at least one share in the first half of 2020
- 72% of all shares came from ten organizations

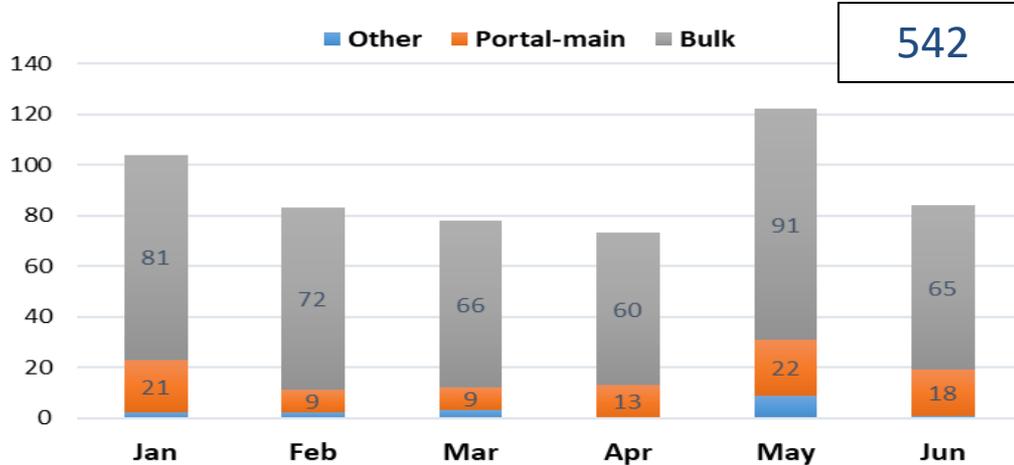


Use of shared information is wider

- 4,820+ users have logged in during 2020 or are currently receiving notifications, representing 1,003+ member organizations (or 75% of total member base of 1,300+ organizations)
- 47% of users have logged in during the last 30 days



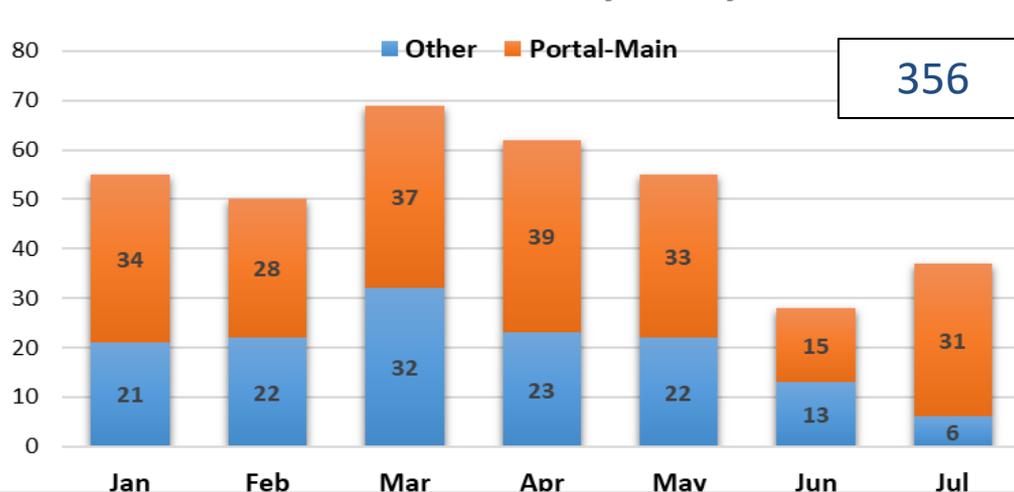
2020 Member Shares - Physical by Channel



Physical (2020 through June)

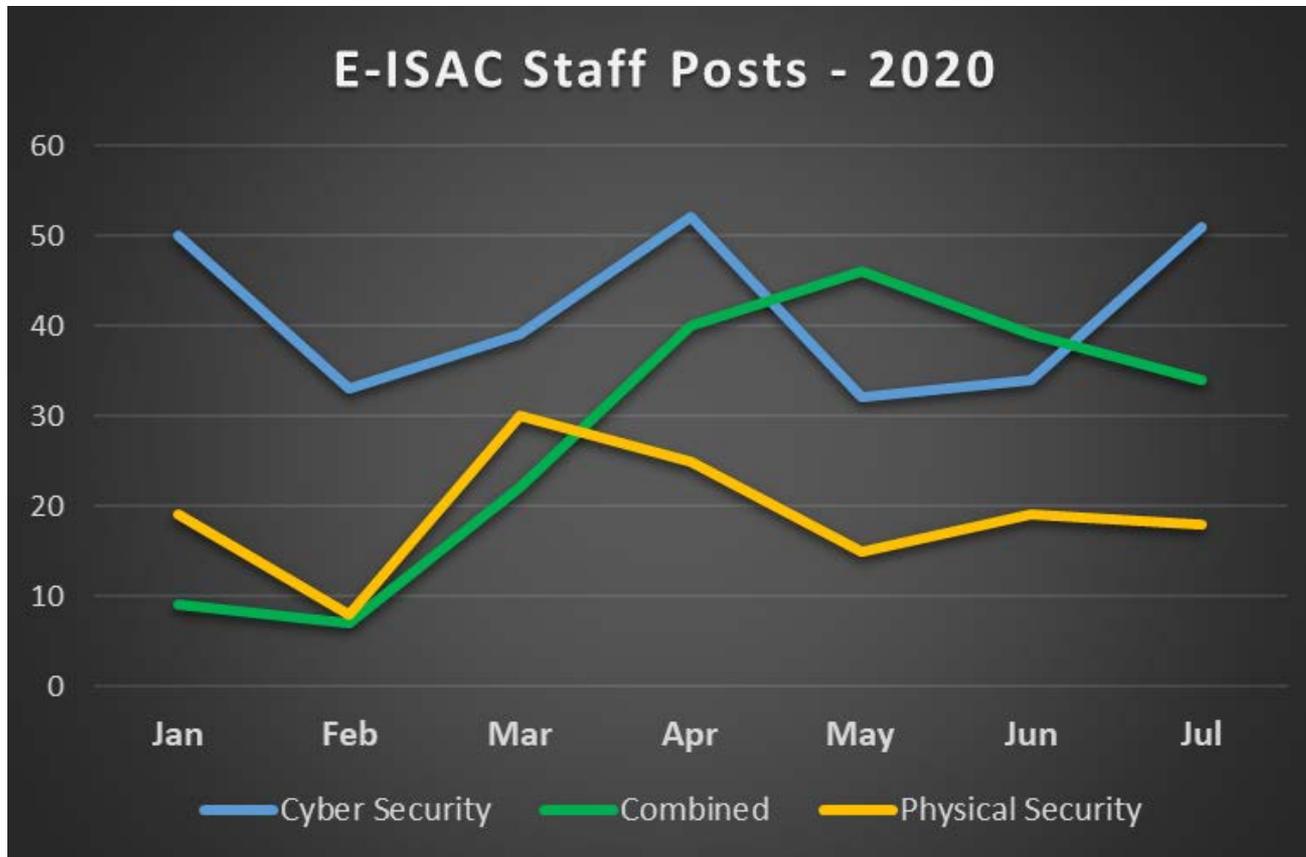
- 44 unique member organizations had at least one physical share
- 81% of all shares came from three members
- 80% shared via bulk channel

2020 Member Shares - Cyber by Channel



Cyber (2020 through July)

- 78 unique member organizations had at least one cyber share
- Six members had 10+ shares and account for 53% of shares
- Most sharing came via the Portal, but top sharers tend to use another channel



622 total posts in Jan-Jul 2020.

- 291 Cyber
- 197 Combined
- 134 Physical
- 177 related to COVID (across Cyber, Combined, and Physical)

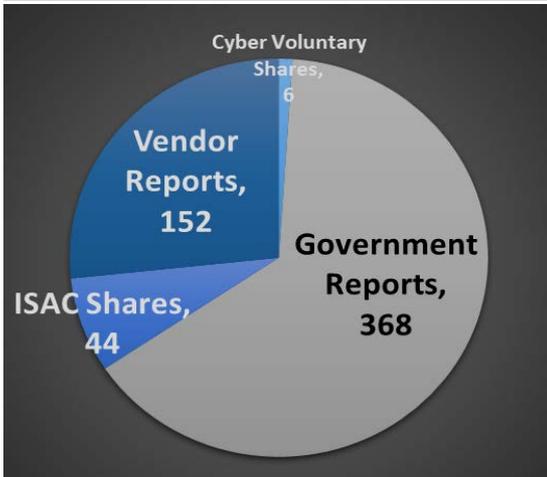


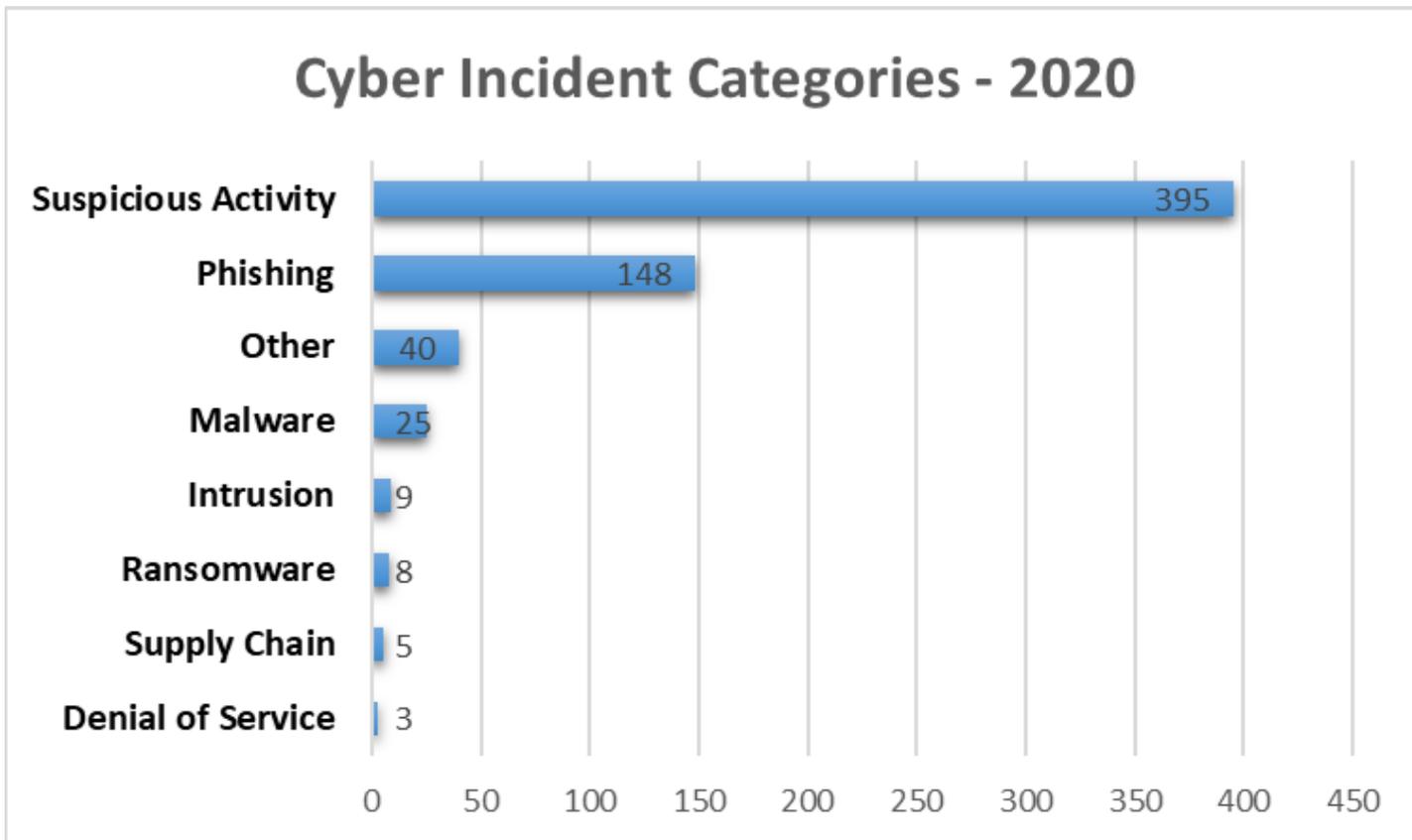
TOP SHARING PARTNERS - 2020



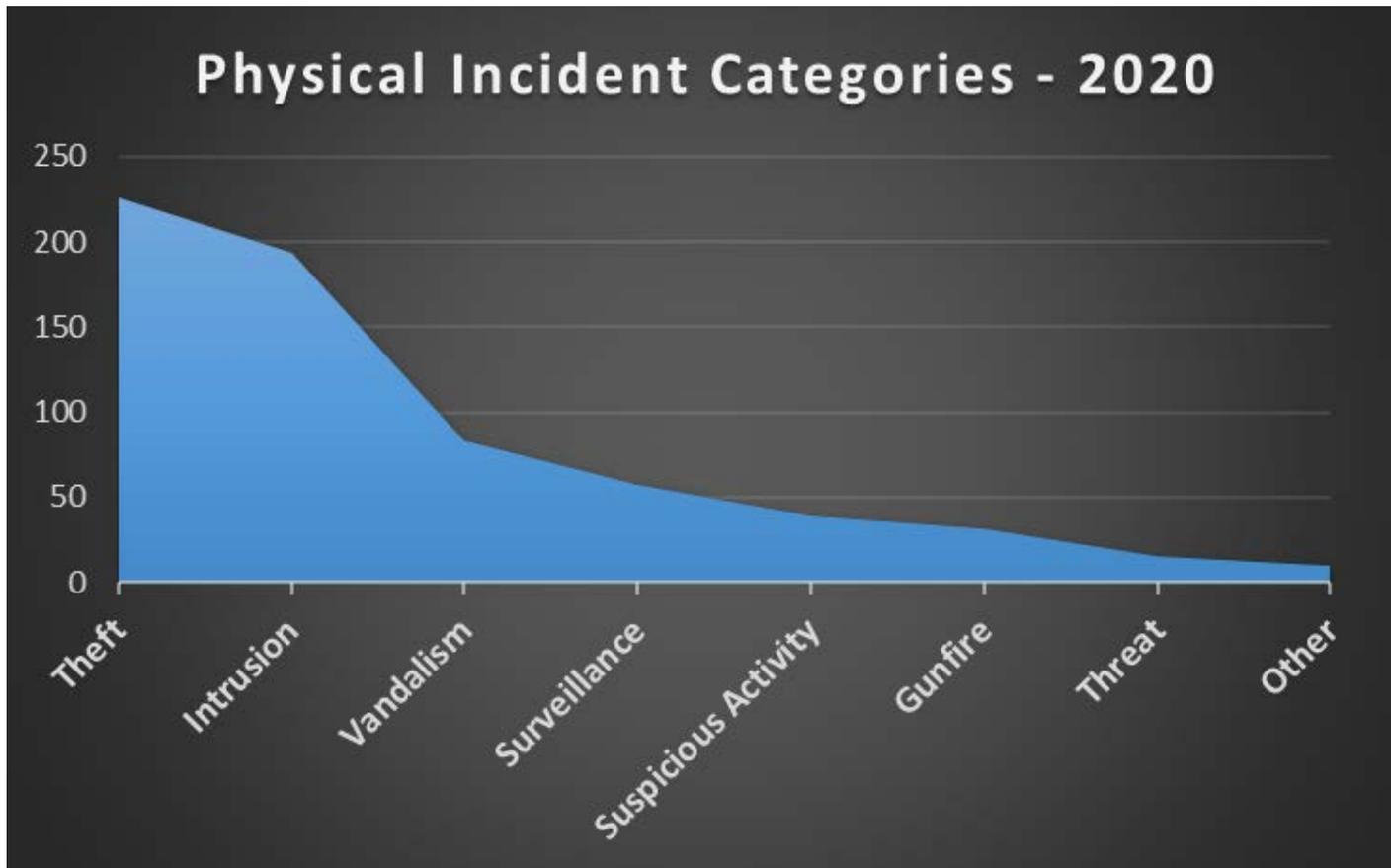
570 total partner posts in first half of the year.

- All come in via other (non-Portal) channels
- Government and vendor reports are most prevalent
- DHS is leading source

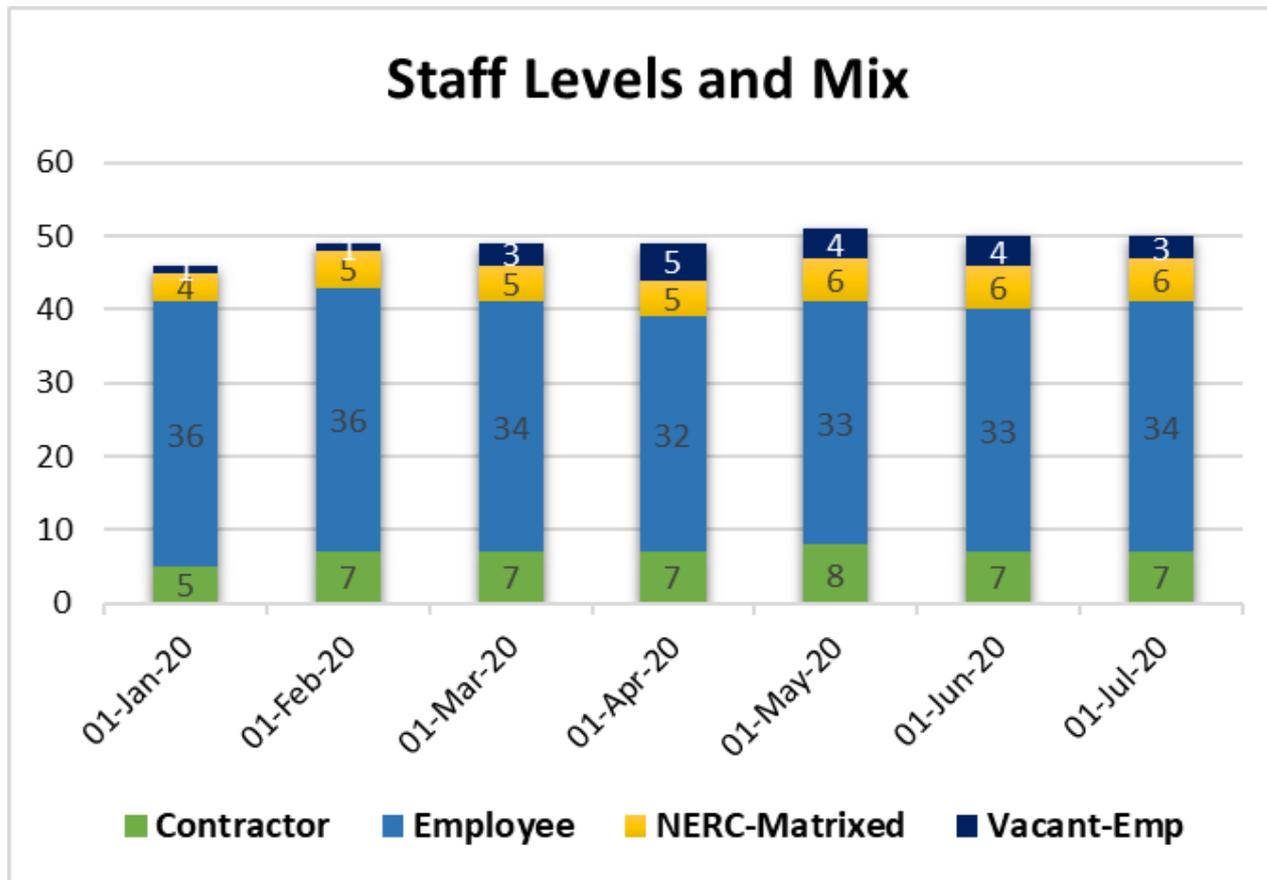




- Includes all sources (Member, Partner, E-ISAC)
- Includes Cyber Bulletins, News, and Documents
- Phishing and Suspicious Activity continue to be most frequently reported



- Includes all sources (Member, Partner, E-ISAC)
- Highly concentrated reporting (81% of the above came from three firms)



- E-ISAC employees (including vacancies) holding steady at 37, with total staff (including matrixed and contractors) at the 50 mark.
- There are three E-ISAC employee vacancies as of June 30.

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Business Technology Projects Update

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- ERO Business Technology Projects Update
 - Geomagnetic Disturbance (GMD) application
 - Microsoft TEAMS Collaboration Platform
- Electricity Information Sharing and Analysis Center (E-ISAC) Technology Projects
 - Salesforce customer relationship management (CRM)
 - Data Analysis Platform
- Priorities Looking Ahead

- Section 1600 Data Request; FERC Order 830
- Planned release date of October 1, 2020
- Data reporting mechanism for GMD data
- Key users: transmission owners and generator owners
- Developed, hosted and secured by NERC's xRM platform

- Stakeholders will have access to GMD data via NERC.com

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Geomagnetic Disturbance Data

NERC's GMD data collection program supports ongoing research and analysis of GMD risk. GMD events are caused by the ejection of charged material from the sun and the interaction of this material with space around the earth (atmosphere and magnetosphere). The resulting disturbances in the earth's magnetic field have the potential to disrupt operations or cause damage to critical infrastructure, including power systems. Extremely strong GMD events, though rare, can induce strong quasi-dc currents in the electric power grid that could affect system voltages, relay and protection system performance, and the operation and health of some large power transformers.

Through the GMD data collection program, NERC is collecting GIC and magnetometer data from reporting entities for designated strong GMD events ($K_p = 7$ and greater).

As specified in FERC Order No. 850, NERC will make the collected GIC and magnetometer data available to support ongoing research and analysis.

Historical GMD Events from May 2013 to Present for One-time Reporting					
Event ID Number	K_p	Start Date	Time (UTC)	End Date	Time (UTC)
2013E01	7	2013-05-31	15:00:00	2013-06-01	15:00:00
2013E02	8	2013-10-02	00:00:00	2013-10-03	03:00:00
2015E01	8	2015-03-17	03:00:00	2015-03-18	06:00:00
2015E02	8	2015-06-22	03:00:00	2015-06-23	15:00:00
2015E03	7	2015-09-11	03:00:00	2015-09-11	18:00:00
2015E04	7	2015-09-19	18:00:00	2015-09-20	18:00:00
2015E05	7	2015-10-06	18:00:00	2015-10-09	09:00:00
2015E06	7	2015-12-20	03:00:00	2015-12-21	09:00:00
2017E01	7	2017-05-27	15:00:00	2017-05-28	15:00:00
2017E02	8	2017-09-07	21:00:00	2017-09-09	03:00:00

GMD News
Reporting is expected to begin October 1, 2020 as described in the GMD Data Reporting Instruction (DRI).

Reference Documents
Geomagnetic Disturbance Data Reporting Instructions
Reporting Templates
Section 1600 Data Request

Proof of Concept

GMD Submitters and GMD Read-Only Users click here to access the GMD System: [GMD System](#)
To Request GMD Data click here: [GMD Data Request](#)

Submission Page and Main Menu

Geomagnetic Disturbance Data System

Welcome to the NERC Geomagnetic Disturbance (GMD) Data System. Below is a list of entities you are authorized to view or submit data on behalf of. If you would like to request access to a registered entity, you may do so on the [application access request page](#).

NCR ↑	Entity Name	GMD Role
NCR11664	4C Acquisition LLC	GMD Submitter
NCR11826	54KR 8ME LLC	GMD Submitter
NCR55555	Test Company 2-1	GMD Submitter

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- Training
 - Regional registration teams will be encouraged to train entity users on Centralized Organization Registration ERO System changes
 - Two types of GMD training - one for reporting entities and the other for data researchers
 - Training and user documentation development – August 2020
 - Data reporting training sessions in – October 2020
 - Data Researcher training may be delayed until early 2021 to allow for a period of data collection in Q4 2020
- Inviting Electric Power Research Institute to participate as an entity submitter during user acceptance testing integration testing in September

- Unified communications and collaboration platform
- Enables secure remote collaboration
- Access, share and edit documents, PowerPoints and spreadsheets
- Strategic investment for NERC, ERO Enterprise and registered entities in a post-coronavirus world

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Teams interface. On the left is a navigation pane with icons for Activity, Chat, Teams, Calls, Files, and Apps. The main area shows a team named 'General' with a 'Welcome to the team!' message. Below the message are three circular icons with buttons: 'Add more people', 'Create more channels', and 'Open the FAQ'. A chat history shows several messages from Alan Redd and Dee Humphries. A message from Brice Blocker is highlighted, discussing the possibility of creating separate teams or channels. At the bottom, there is a text input field for starting a new conversation and a toolbar with icons for text, attachments, emojis, GIFs, video, voice, and more options.

Teams

Your teams

- Project Management Office
- General**
- Weekly PMO Team Meetings
- IT Department
- General**
- Information Technology Manage...
- 2 hidden channels
- Sandbox**
- NERC Teams Support

General Posts Files Wiki +

Org Meet

Welcome to the team!

Here are some things to get going...

- Add more people
- Create more channels
- Open the FAQ

Alan Redd has added Brice Blocker to the team.

Alan Redd has added Dee Humphries to the team.

Alan Redd has added LaCreacia Smith to the team.

Alan Redd changed team description.

Dee Humphries has added Denise Lafantaisie to the team.

Brice Blocker 7/14 1:14 PM
Dee Humphries **LaCreacia Smith** might be a good idea to discuss we'd like to setup projects in TEAMS in our next team meeting. They can be separate teams or setup as channels within another team, etc. I suspect it will be a case by case basis...

Start a new conversation. Type @ to mention someone.

- CRM tool (Salesforce) in production, saving time and increasing accuracy of member tracking and stakeholder contacts
- E-ISAC Portal – Platform replacement to Salesforce underway; expected go live in Q4 2020
- E-ISAC Data Platform (EDP) – Converting to a robust, reliable, secure production platform in Atlanta data center; continue to expand analytical capabilities

- Analytical capabilities for the E-ISAC under the EDP
- Accelerated adoption of Salesforce capabilities for the E-ISAC
- Implementation of Microsoft Teams
- Regional focus on cyber security with new cyber security director
- Various software/hardware upgrades to NERC infrastructure



Questions and Answers

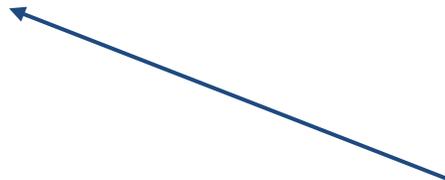


GMD Application Screen Shots

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*List of entities for which ERO
Portal user has permission to
report data*

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- GIC Monitor Device Screen Displays Existing Devices and Provides Ability to Create or Edit, Manually or via Import File

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View and manage GIC monitor bulk device imports

Device ID ↑	Device Status	Device Serial Number	Geographic Latitude (North)	Geographic Longitude (West)	Status Effective Date	
10069	AV	s-988	45.0	105.0	7/2/2020	▾
10068	AV	s-1239	50.0	60.0	7/2/2020	▾
10067	AV	s-12354	32.0	132.0	7/1/2020	▾
10065	AV	s-09876	14.0	114.0	6/30/2020	▾
10064	AV	s-55555	23.0	123.0	6/30/2020	▾
10062	AV	s-5555	44.0	74.0	6/10/2020	▾
10061	AV	s-9998	16.0	113.0	6/24/2020	▾
10060	AV	s-00009	12.0	112.0	6/10/2020	▾

- GIC Monitor Device Import Validation Results

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GMD Event ↑	Successful Records	Failed Records	Submission Status	Earliest Data Interval ↑	Earliest Data Interval Seconds	Latest Data Interval	Latest Data Interval Seconds
2019E01	0	1	Processing Complete with Errors	8/25/2018 15:00	0	8/27/2018 00:00	0
2018E01	31	0	Successfully Processed	8/26/2018 12:00	0	8/26/2018 12:05	0
2018E01	61	0	Successfully Processed	8/25/2018 20:00	0	8/25/2018 20:10	0
2017E03	11,881	0	Successfully Processed	9/27/2017 15:00	0	9/29/2017 00:00	0
2017E03	11,881	0	Successfully Processed	9/27/2017 15:00	0	9/29/2017 00:00	0
2017E03	0	1	Processing Complete with Errors		0		0
2017E03	0	11,881	Processing Complete with Errors		0		0
2017E01	61	0	Successfully Processed	5/27/2017 16:00	0	5/27/2017 16:10	0

- Missing Data Reports Document Gaps in GMD Event Data

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[☰ Active GIC Monitor Missing Data Reports ▾](#)

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GMD Event ↑	Device ID (GIC Monitor)	Missing Data Start Date and Time (UTC) ↑	Missing Data Start Seconds	Missing Data End Date and Time (UTC)	Missing Data End Seconds	Missing Data Reason	Created On	
2017E02	10065	9/7/2017 22:00	0	9/8/2017 04:00	0	3-Data Recording Device Malfunction	6/26/2020 16:44	▾
2017E01	10062	5/27/2017 16:11	10	5/27/2017 17:00	10	1-GIC Monitor Malfunction	6/11/2020 12:29	▾
2017E01	10061	5/27/2017 16:10	10	5/27/2017 17:10	10	3-Data Recording Device Malfunction	6/11/2020 12:25	▾
2017E01	10062	5/27/2017 16:00	0	5/27/2017 16:10	0	1-GIC Monitor Malfunction	6/11/2020 12:30	▾
2015E06	10064	12/20/2015 15:00	10	12/20/2015 17:00	0	1-GIC Monitor Malfunction	6/17/2020 18:55	▾
2015E06	10055	12/20/2015 14:16	25	12/20/2015 16:16	30	1-GIC Monitor Malfunction	6/8/2020 20:17	▾
2015E06	10064	12/20/2015 07:30	0	12/20/2015 15:00	0	1-GIC Monitor Malfunction	6/17/2020 18:54	▾

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50084	AV	65.0	135.0	6/10/2020	▼
50083	AV	77.0	77.0	6/11/2020	▼
50082	AV	15.0	115.0	6/10/2020	▼
50081	AV	67.0	67.0	6/29/2020	▼
50076	AV	64.0	124.0	6/3/2020	▼
50075	AV	84.0	84.0	6/3/2020	▼
50074	AV	45.0	84.0	6/3/2020	▼

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2018E01	61	0	Successfully Processed	8/25/2018 20:00	0	8/25/2018 20:10	0
2018E01	38	0	Successfully Processed	8/25/2018 18:00	0	8/25/2018 18:03	0
2017E02	102	0	Successfully Processed	9/7/2017 21:35	10	9/7/2017 21:52	0
2017E02	0	1	Processing Complete with Errors	9/7/2017 21:00	0	9/7/2019 21:34	50
2017E02	210	0	Successfully Processed	9/7/2017 21:00	0	9/7/2017 21:35	0
2017E02	210	0	Successfully Processed	9/7/2017 21:00	0	9/7/2017 21:35	0

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Missing Data Reports Document Gaps in GMD Event Data

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2017E01	50083	5/27/2017 16:11	10	5/27/2017 17:10	10	2-Magnetometer Malfunction	6/11/2020 12:25	▾
2017E01	50082	5/27/2017 16:10	10	5/27/2017 17:10	10	2-Magnetometer Malfunction	6/11/2020 12:45	▾
2017E01	50082	5/27/2017 15:00	0	5/27/2017 15:59	0	2-Magnetometer Malfunction	6/11/2020 12:48	▾
2015E06	50084	12/20/2015 18:00	0	12/20/2015 20:00	0	2-Magnetometer Malfunction	6/17/2020 20:19	▾
2015E06	50084	12/20/2015 15:00	10	12/20/2015 17:00	0	2-Magnetometer Malfunction	6/17/2020 18:57	▾

- Submission Status Report Shows Device Reporting for an Event

GMD System Reports

The GMD Submission Status Report provides information about whether data was reported for each device by Event, Calendar Year, or Reporting Collection Period (April - March).

Filter By
Event
Devices

Event ID	Device ID	Data Start Date and Time	Data End Date and Time	Has Missing Data Report?	NCR	Is Data Complete?
2015E02	10037	06/22/2015 12:16:00	06/22/2015 12:20:00	No	NCR55555	No
2015E02	10064	06/22/2015 12:16:00	06/22/2015 12:20:00	No	NCR55555	No
2015E02	10065-Confidential	06/22/2015 12:00:00	06/22/2015 23:59:50	No	NCR55555	No
2015E02	10065-Confidential	06/23/2015 00:00:00	06/23/2015 00:55:20	No	NCR55555	No
2015E02	50070	06/22/2015 12:16:00	06/22/2015 12:20:00	No	NCR55555	No

- Data Search and Download Allows Researchers to Specify Criteria

GMD Data Search and Download

Event
2015E02 (06/22/2015 03:00:00 - 06/23/2015 15:00:00)

Min Latitude **Max Latitude**
Min Longitude **Max Longitude**

Device Type
 Magnetometers **GIC Monitors**

Device ID

Selected Devices
No devices selected

- GMD Data Submitters Also Can Search by Entity NCR ID

GMD Data Search and Download

Event 2015E02 (06/22/2015 03:00:00 - 06/23/2015 15:00:00) ▼	Device Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Magnetometers <input type="checkbox"/> GIC Monitors	Device ID <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add"/>	NCR ID <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCR11664 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCR11826 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCR55555
Min Latitude <input type="text" value="10"/>	Max Latitude <input type="text" value="80"/>	Selected Devices No devices selected	
Min Longitude <input type="text"/>	Max Longitude <input type="text"/>		
<input type="button" value="Clear"/> <input type="button" value="Search"/>			

- Data Search and Download Results Displayed; User Selects Data Files to Download

<input type="checkbox"/>	Event Name	NCR	Device Type	Device ID	Number of Data Records	Latitude	Longitude	Data Sample Start Date and Time	Data Sample End Date and Time
<input type="checkbox"/>	2015E02	NCR55555	Magnetometer	50070	25	32.00	132.00	06/22/2015 12:16:00	06/22/2015 12:20:00
<input type="checkbox"/>	2015E02	NCR55555	Magnetometer	50086-Confidential	4320	74.00	74.00	06/22/2015 12:00:00	06/22/2015 23:59:50
<input type="checkbox"/>	2015E02	NCR55555	Magnetometer	50086-Confidential	333	74.00	74.00	06/23/2015 00:00:00	06/23/2015 00:55:20

Download Selected Files

Confidential data files only provided to entities who report those devices

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ERO Enterprise Align Project Update

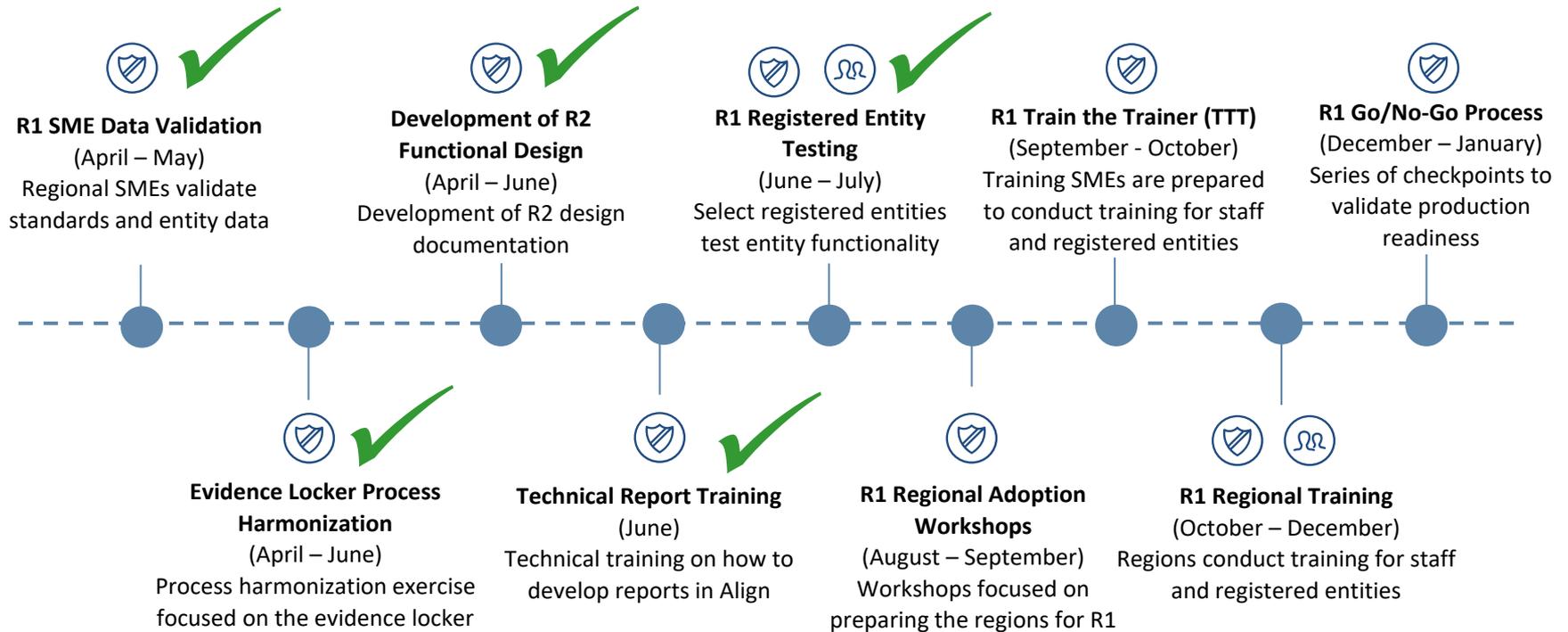
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- Major/New Topics
 - Release 1 Timeline Overview
 - Registered Entity Testing Schedule and Participants
 - Registered Entity Feedback
 - Align Governance Model
 - Canada
 - Challenges
 - How to Stay Informed
 - Upcoming Milestones
 - What to Expect
 - Benefits

The following is a timeline of upcoming key activities:



Complete

Entity Testing Schedule and Participants

Session	Date & Time
Kickoff and Logistics	June 18 (1 – 2 PM ET)
MRO Testing	July 7 (1 – 4:30 PM ET)
WECC Testing	July 8 (10:30 – 2 PM ET)
TRE Testing	July 13 (2 – 5:30 PM ET)
NPCC Testing	July 14 (8:30 – 12 PM ET)
RF Testing	July 15 (1 – 4:30 PM ET)
SERC Testing	July 22 (1 – 4:30 PM ET)

Tester/Representative	Company	Region
Jennifer Flandermeyer	Evergy	MRO
Tiffany Lake	Evergy	MRO
Mandy Barta	Evergy	MRO
Omar Elabbady	Xcel Energy	MRO
Thad Ness	Xcel Energy	MRO
Ashley Stringer	Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority	MRO
Tammy Porter	Oncor	TRE
Martha Henson	Oncor	TRE
Lee Maurer	Oncor	TRE
Amelia Anderson	CenterPoint	TRE
Daniela Hammons	CenterPoint	TRE
Venona Greaff	OXY	TRE
Kimberly Tolbert	OXY	TRE

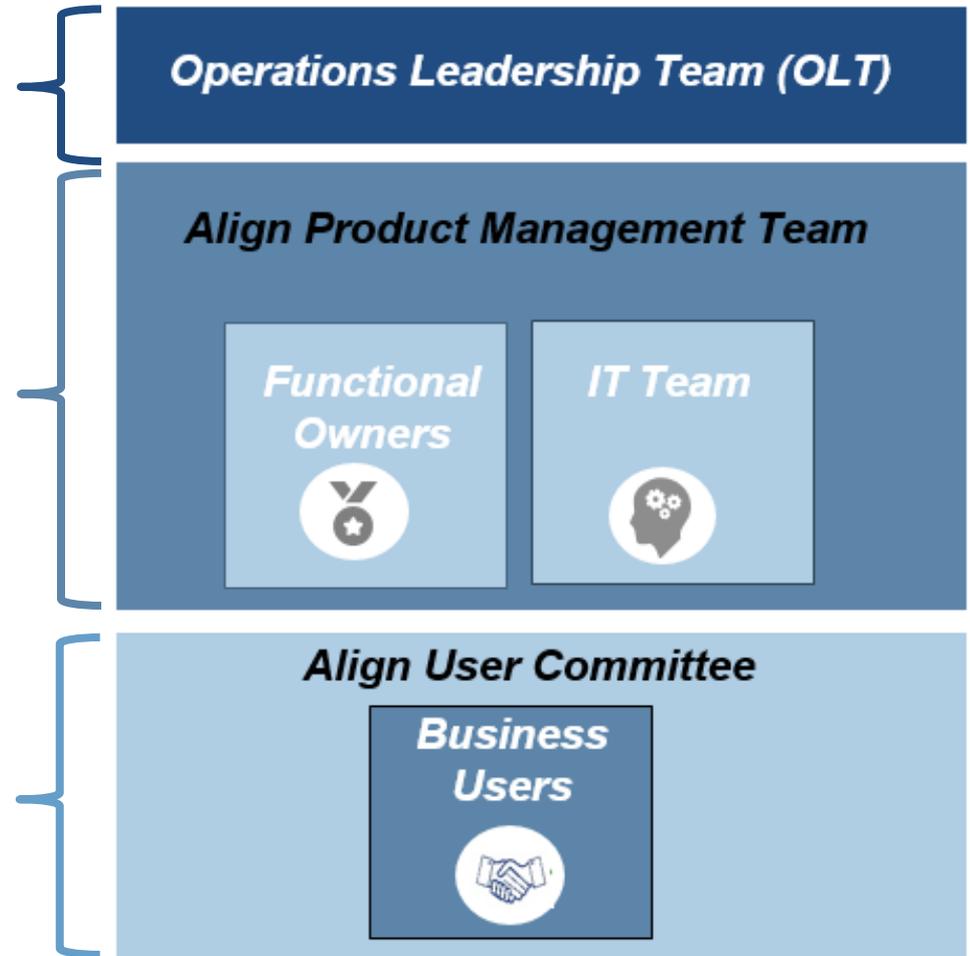
Tester/Representative	Company	Region
Betty Day	ERCOT	TRE
Christine Hasha	ERCOT	TRE
Collen Frosch	ERCOT	TRE
Lisa Milanese	CAISO	WECC
Marty Hostler	NCPA	WECC
Scott Tomashefsky	NCPA	WECC
Catalina Hansen	SoCalEdison	WECC
HeCareth Wosu	SoCalEdison	WECC
John Pespisa	SoCalEdison	WECC
Kelley Stevens	SoCalEdison	WECC
Matt Goldberg	ISO-NE	NPCC
Greg Campoli	NYISO	NPCC
Patti Metro	NRECA	SERC?
Mark Pratt	Southern Co	SERC
Brandon Cain	Southern Co	SERC
Marsha Morgan	Southern Co	SERC
Roy O’Neal Kiser Jr	Southern Co	SERC
Silvia Parada Mitchell	FPL	SERC
Carol Chinn / Truong Le (covering for Carol)	FMPPA	SERC
Jennifer Sterling	Exelon	RF
Kinte Whitehead	Exelon	RF
Rajesh Varghese	Exelon	RF
Rachel Snead	Dominion	RF

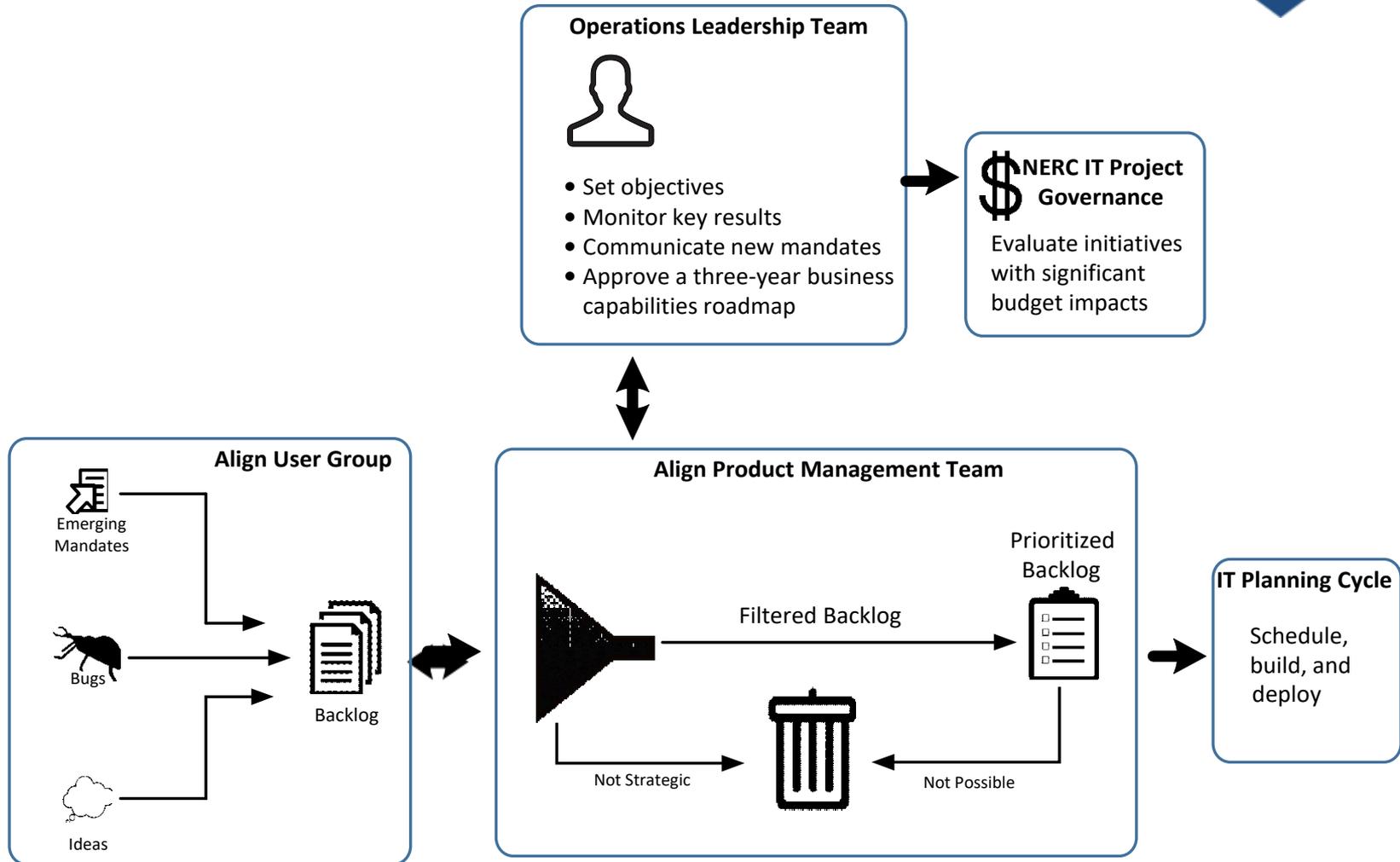
- What was tested
 - Self-report, mitigation and enforcement workflows and business rules
 - Dashboards and notifications
- Overall feedback
 - Positive feedback on the Regions' preparation and testing experience
 - Acknowledged the progress from earlier demos of Align
 - Complementary of the training materials
 - Requested a similar opportunity to test the ERO Enterprise Secure Evidence Locker (ERO SEL) when ready
 - Requested more engagement around Standards reporting
 - Some expressed disappointment that there are still two systems (Align and ERO SEL) but understand the business case
 - Approximately 50 enhancement requests were logged for consideration

OLT: Provide executive leadership and oversight

Product Management Team: Risk Performance and Monitoring Group, Enforcement Group and NERC representation; project-level engagement

User Committee: Regional experts and registered entity experts representation; Compliance and Certification Committee and Alignment Working Group provides input and expertise





- Determine which provinces will use the U.S. BWide instance
- Define use cases by Region and province
- Identify roadblocks (agreements, data sovereignty, etc.)
- Define rollout strategy for each province

- **Resources:** multiple parallel efforts (R1 training/rollout, R2 development, R3 requirements, ongoing stakeholder engagement)
- **Budget pressure:** balance in-scope efforts with continuous improvement requests (i.e., 50 enhancements from stakeholders)
- **Rollout approach:** data supports “whole Region” vs. segmentation by groups of entities; management across multiple systems during rollout

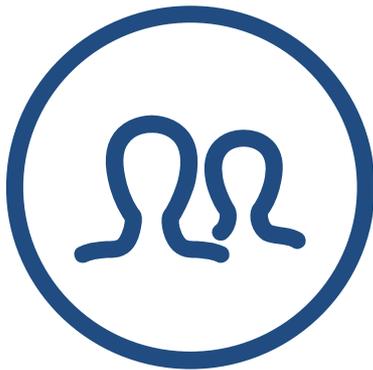
Key communication vehicles

- Align newsletter for Regions and registered entities
- Regional Change Agent Network
- Dedicated project page on NERC.com: [Click Here](#)
- Upcoming Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program (CMEP) Regional workshops
- Trades meetings

Milestone	Completion Date
Training Materials (Videos, User Guides, Reference Materials)	September 2020
Regional Adoption Workshops	October 2020
Train Regional Training Leads	October/November 2020
Begin Regional Staff Training	November 2020
Change Agent Preparations	Ongoing

Stakeholder Group

Registered Entities

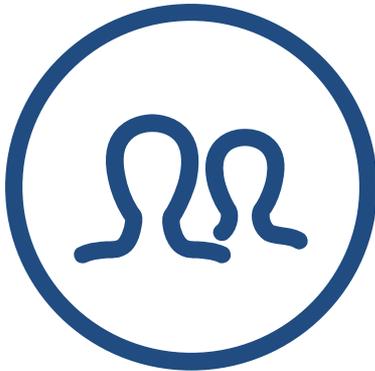


Release 1 Functionality

- Create and submit Self-Reports and Self-Logs
- Create and manage mitigating activities (informal) and Mitigation Plans (formal)
- View and track Open Enforcement Actions (EAs) resulting from all monitoring methods
- Receive and respond to Requests for Information (RFIs)
- Receive notifications and view dashboards on new/open action items
- Generate report of Standards and Requirements applicable to your entity
- Manage user access for your specific entity

Stakeholder Group

Regional Entities



Release 1 Functionality

- Receive Self-Reports and Self-Logs from entities
- Manually create findings that result from any monitoring method (Audits, Spot Checks, Investigations, Periodic Data Submittals (PDSs), Self-Certifications, Complaints)
- Perform Preliminary Screens, Potential Noncompliance Reviews, and disposition determinations for each PNC/EA
- Send and received responses to RFIs
- Trigger notifications such as Notice of Alleged Violation(s) and Proposed Penalty or Sanction, Notices of Confirmed Violation(s), Compliance Exception Letter(s), Find, Fix, Track & Report Letter(s), and Settlement Agreements
- Receive, review, and approve mitigating activities (informal) and Mitigation Plans (formal)
- Receive notifications and view dashboards on new/open action items
- Generate report of Standards and Requirements applicable to a registered entity

Release 2 Functionality Est. 2021

- Technical Feasibility Exceptions
- Self-Certifications
- PDSs

Note: A strategy is being developed for how these monitoring methods will be managed in the gap between Releases

Release 3 Functionality Est. 2021

- Compliance Planning (Risk, CMEP Implementation Plan, Inherent Risk Assessment, Internal Controls Evaluation, Compliance Oversight Plan)
- Compliance Audit
- Spot Check
- Compliance Investigations
- Complaints

Moving to a common platform will provide:

- Alignment of **common & CMEP business processes**, ensuring consistent practices and data gathering
- A **standardized interface** for registered entities to interact with the ERO Enterprise
- **Real-time access to information**, eliminating delays and manual communications
- **Consistent application** of the CMEP
- **More secure** method of managing and storing CMEP data



Questions and Answers

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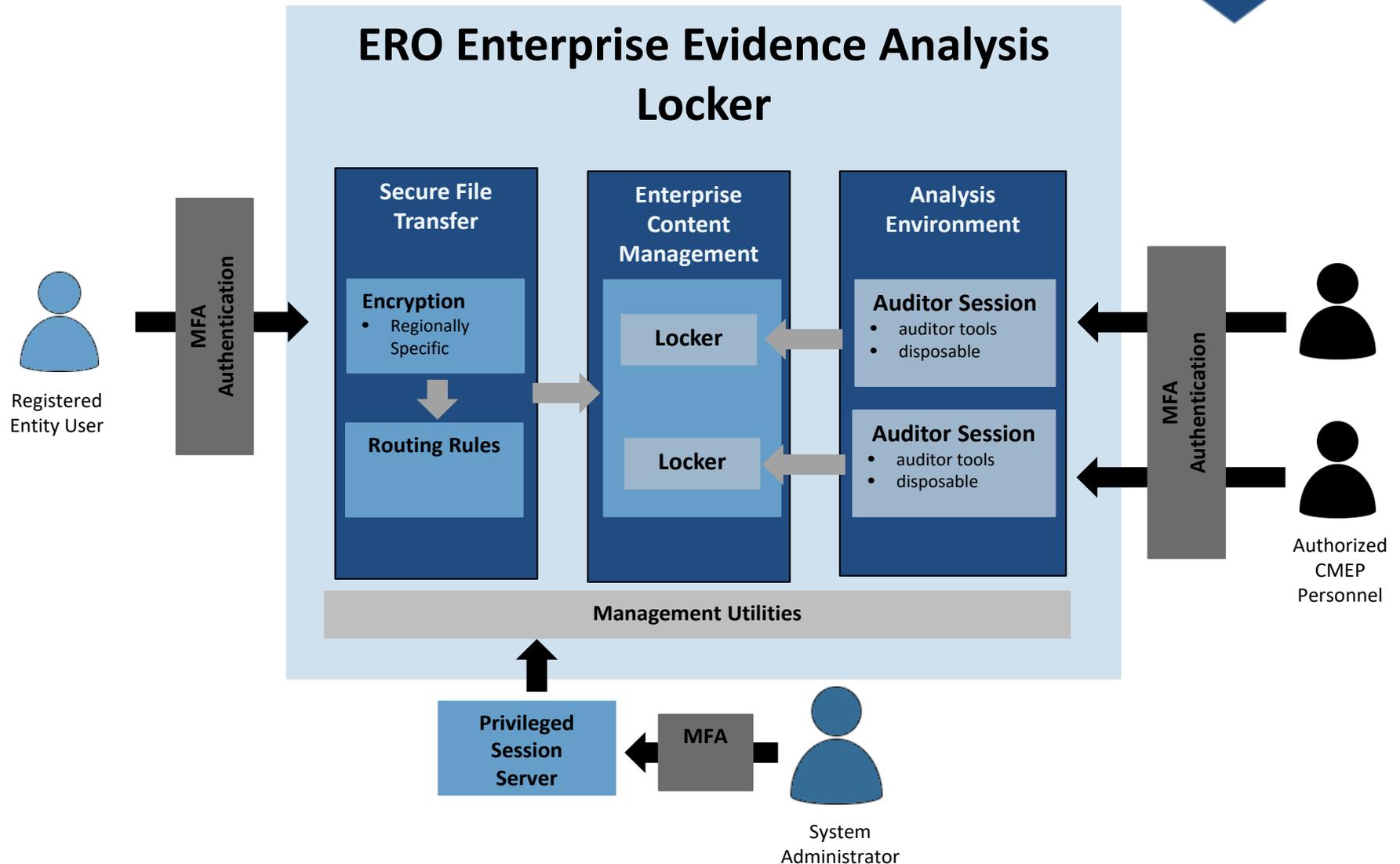
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- What is the ERO Enterprise Secure Evidence Locker (ERO SEL)?
- Solution Overview
 - ERO SEL - How Will It Work?
 - National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Standard
- Registered Entity Experience Screen Shots
- Regional Entity Experience Screen Shots
- ERO SEL Potential Risks

- A highly secure, isolated environment
 - Purpose-built to collect and protect evidence
 - Enables submission by authorized and authenticated entity users
 - Provides compartmentalized analysis of evidence in temporary, isolated, disposable environments
 - No interfaces with any other systems
- Evidence
 - Is encrypted immediately upon submission
 - Is securely isolated per entity
 - Is never extracted
 - Is never backed up
 - Is subject to proactive and disciplined destruction policies

Solution Overview



- NIST 800-171 contains 110 controls in 14 key areas including:
 - Access Control
 - Physical Protection
 - System and Information Integrity
 - Personnel Security
 - Incident Response
 - Risk Assessment

Registered Entity Experience

- Users will log into the Secure Evidence Locker through a URL and be authenticated using their ERO Portal account with Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

The image displays two screenshots of the NERC ERO SEL login process. The left screenshot shows the initial sign-in page with fields for Username and Password, a 'Keep me signed in' checkbox, and a 'Sign in' button. Below the sign-in fields is a link for 'Forgot Password/Username?' and a privacy notice. The right screenshot shows the MFA verification page, which prompts the user to 'Choose an authentication method' with options: 'Send Me a Push', 'Call Me', and 'Enter a Passcode'. A blue bar at the bottom of the MFA page indicates 'Pushed a login request to your device...' with a 'Cancel' button.

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Sign in

Username

Password

Keep me signed in

Sign in

Forgot Password/Username? Please contact the NERC Helpdesk by clicking [here](#).

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For security reasons, we require additional information to verify your account

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Choose an authentication method

Send Me a Push

Call Me

Enter a Passcode

Pushed a login request to your device... Cancel

[What is this?](#) [Add a new device](#) [My Settings & Devices](#) [Need help?](#)

- Align will provide reference numbers for use when uploading to the Secure Evidence Locker

The image displays two screenshots of the ERO SEL interface. The top screenshot shows a 'Request for Information' form with the following details:

- Original Finding: 2020-00108
- Requestor: MRO Editor 1

The 'Evidence' section contains the following instructions:

Secure Evidence Locker Instructions Submit Evidence or Attachments related to this Finding via [ERO Secure Evidence Locker \(SEL\)](#) with the following reference number:
RF|NCR00780|F2020-00566
If you are hosting your own SEL, please provide a hyperlink to your locker in the comment section above.

The bottom screenshot shows a 'Milestone' form with the following details:

- Milestone Name: milestone test 2
- Description of Task: test milestone 2
- Planned Completion Date: March 31, 2020
- Revised Completion Date: [Empty field]
- Actual Completion Date: [Calendar icon]

The 'Evidence' section contains the following instructions:

Secure Evidence Locker Instructions Submit Evidence or Attachments related to this Milestone via [ERO Secure Evidence Locker \(SEL\)](#) with the following reference number:
NPCC|NCR00126|M2020-00157--MS2020-000154

Both screenshots include 'Save and Action', 'Save', and 'Close' buttons at the bottom.



Secure Evidence Locker

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Step 1 - Validation

Enter a Reference ID and click "Validate" to add new evidence to your submission.

XXXXXXX



Valid Reference ID

Region: XXXX

NCR: XXXXX

CMEP Activity: XXXXX, XXXX, XXXX

Step 2 - Upload Files

Click "Upload" to add evidence to your submission. Do NOT include any confidential or CEI information in the file names or within the content that you are uploading!

Document 1.docx	⊗
Document 2.pdf	⊗
Document 3.xls	⊗
Document 4.docx	⊗
Document 5.pdf	⊗
Document 6.xls	⊗

Step 3 - Submit Evidence

Verify all documents meet submission standards, then click "Submit" to complete.

- Enter reference ID and click Validate
- Upload File(s)
- Click Submit



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Upload ↻

Document 1.docx

Document 2.pdf

Document 3.xls

Document 4.docx

Document 5.pdf

Document 6.xls

Success!

Your evidence has been successfully submitted for processing. You will receive an eMail notification when the processing is complete.

OK

Step 3 - Submit Evidence

Verify all documents meet submission standards, then click "Submit" to complete.

Submit

Cancel

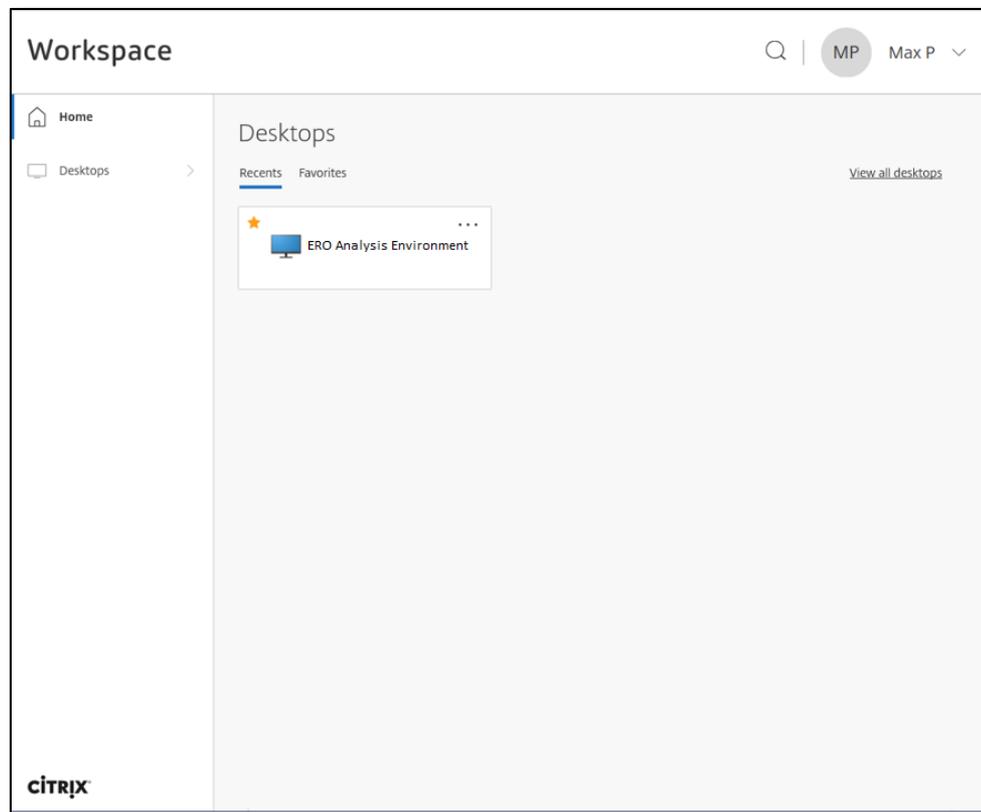
- Multiple files can be uploaded at once
- Receive email confirmation of submission, including "Hash Value," to ensure submission integrity

Regional Entity Experience

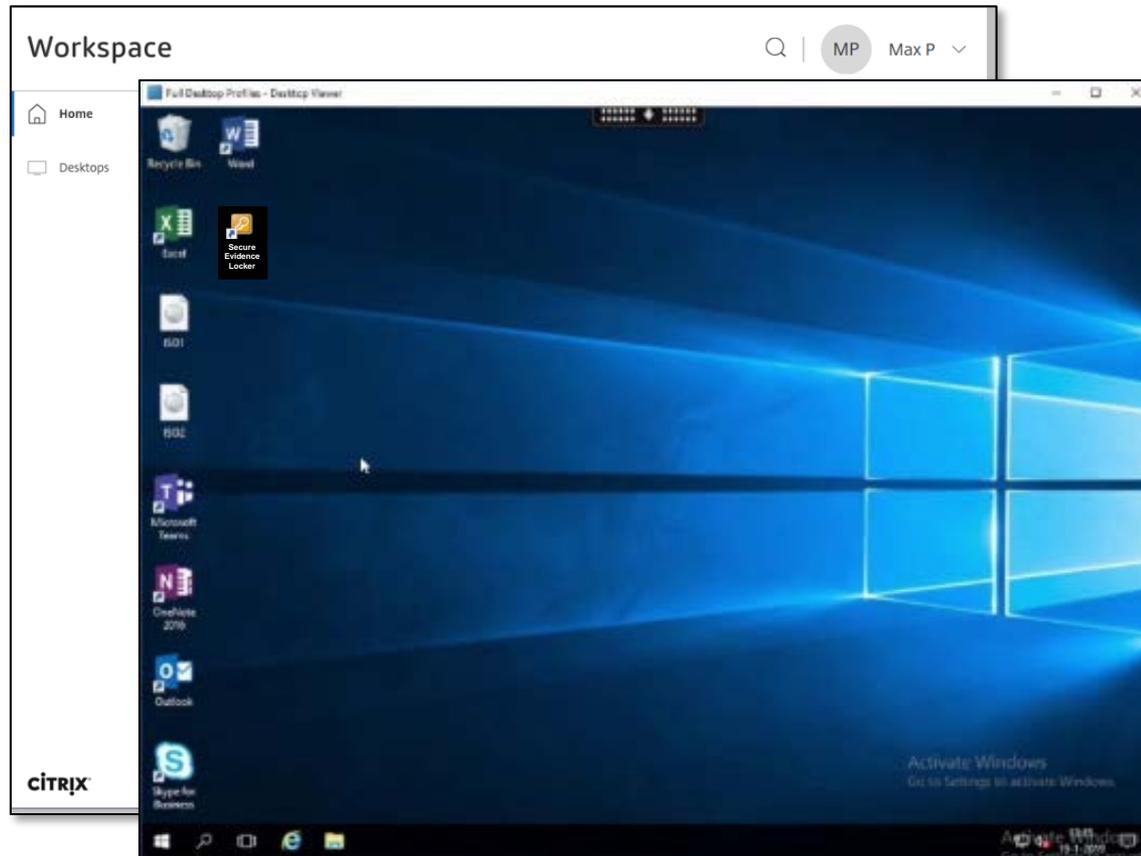
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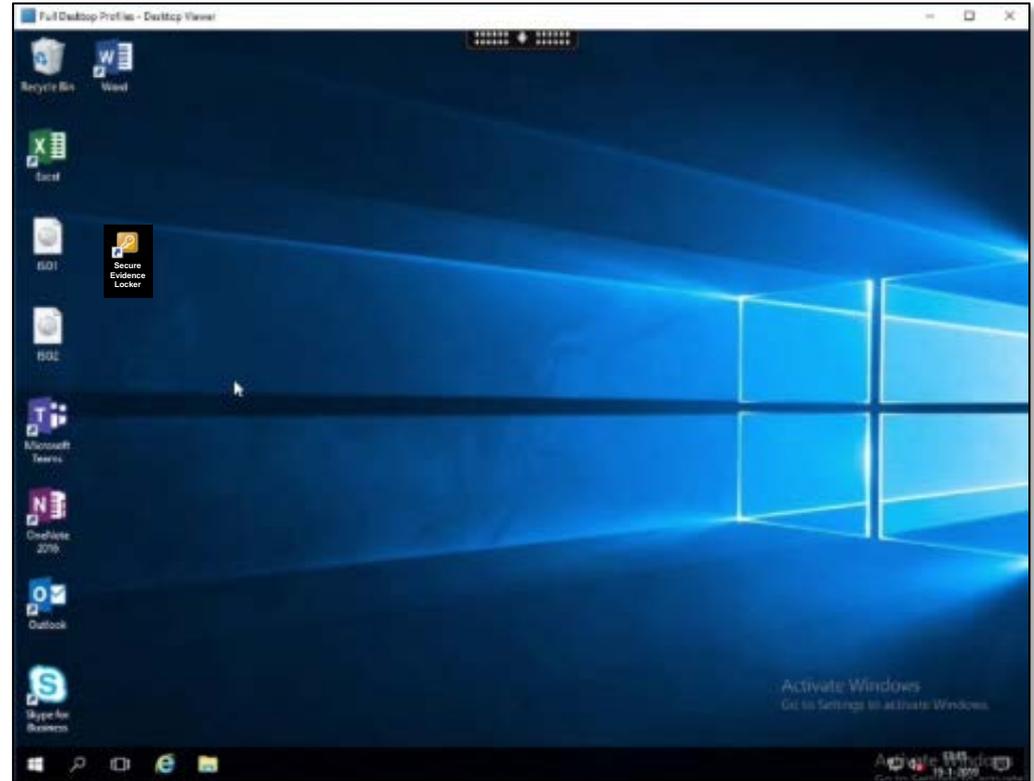
- Once logged in, users will be presented with a workspace, which will provide the ability to launch an ERO Analysis Environment

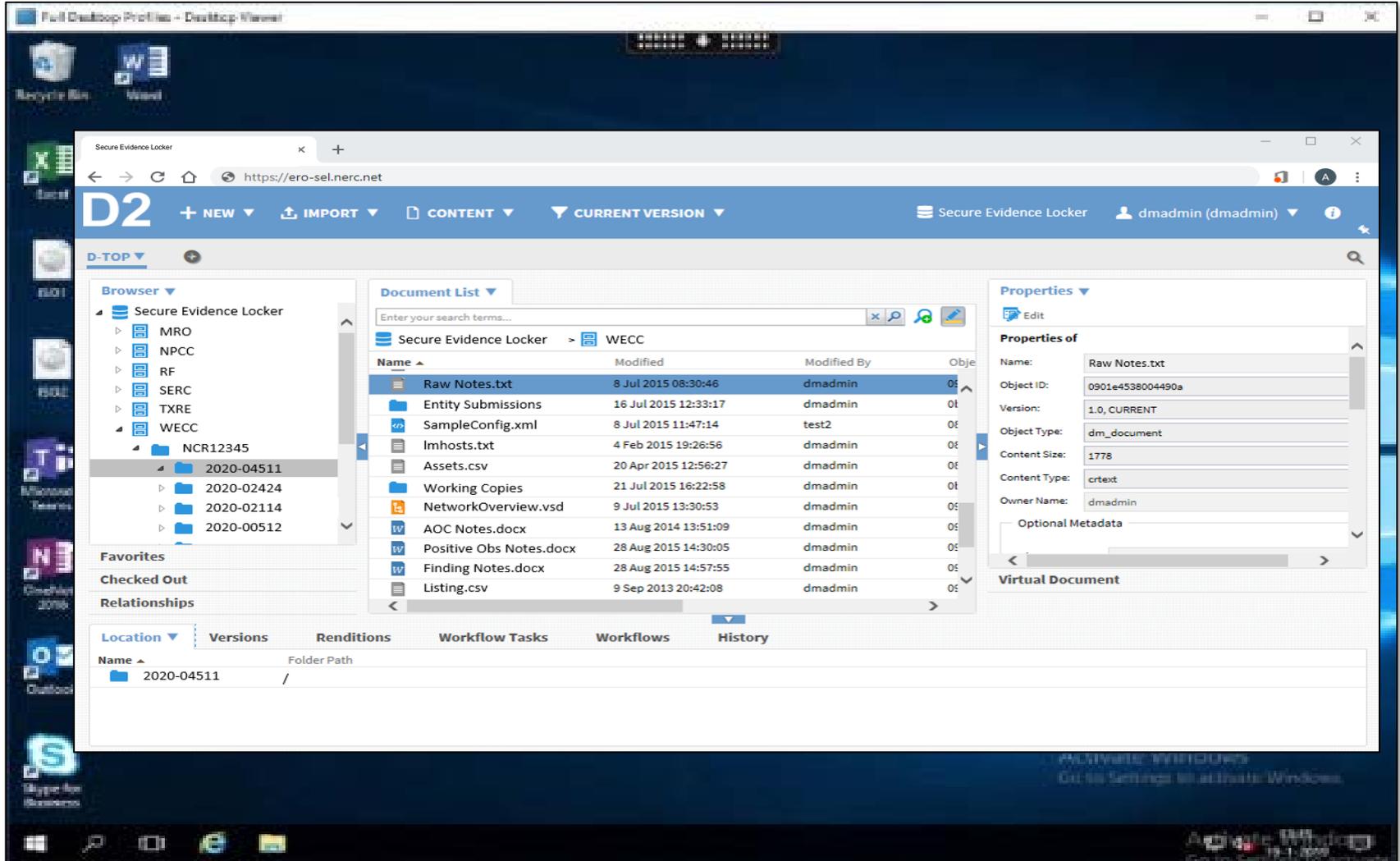


- Once the user clicks on ‘ERO Analysis Environment,’ a new desktop environment will launch



- This environment is a fully-functioning Windows environment, loaded with all the applications required to analyze submitted evidence, including MS Office, Adobe Acrobat, NP-View, etc.
- Clicking on the ‘Secure Evidence Locker’ icon will launch the Locker within the desktop environment





- In order to exit, the user will, first, close the Secure Evidence Locker window then log out of the desktop environment
- Any work left on in the Analysis Environment will be destroyed when logging out

- Support of new technologies
- Delays created by the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Professional Services (travel and collaboration)
 - Testing and in-person training



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