

Standards, Compliance, and Enforcement Bulletin

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ACTIVE STANDARDS POSTINGS

Current Ballots (ballot periods close at 8:00 p.m. Eastern)

Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
2022-02 Uniform Modeling Framework for IBR	Initial Ballots & Non-binding Polls	5/7/2025	5/16/2025
2021-01 System Model Validation with IBRs	Initial Ballots & Non-binding Polls	5/12/2025	5/21/2025

Posted for Comment

Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
2021-01 System Model Validation with IBRs	Comment Period	04/17/2025	05/21/2025

Standard Drafting Team Nominations

Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
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Project 2023-08 Modifications of MOD-031 Demand and Energy Data	Submit Nominations	3/20/2025	5/30/2025
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OTHER ACTIVE COMMENT PERIODS			
Posted for Comment			
Posting	Action	Start Date	End Date
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STANDARDS NEWS

NEW Initial Ballot Results for Project 2020-06

Initial ballots for the initial draft of Project 2020-06 – Model Validation and Model Verification Definitions related to the Glossary Terms concluded on May 12, 2025. The voting statistics are listed below, and the details can be accessed on the [Ballot Results](#) page.

	Ballot
	Quorum / Approval
Model Validation and Model Verification Definitions	89.01% / 71.75%
Implementation Plan	88.28% / 73.08%

Quick Links

[Register in the SBS](#)
[Standards Project Prioritization \(November 2023\)](#)
[Projected Standards Posting Schedule](#)
[Project Tracking Spreadsheet](#)
[2023-2025 Reliability Standards Development Plan \(Filed With FERC\)](#)
[Quality Review Application](#)
[One-Stop Shop \(Status, Purpose, Implementation Plans, FERC Orders, RSAWs\)](#)
[Submit Questions or Feedback](#)

The drafting team will review all responses received during the comment period and determine the next steps of the project. For information on the Standards Development Process, refer to the [Standard Processes Manual](#).

NEW MSPPTF Launches Stakeholder Survey

The Modernization of Standards Processes and Procedures Task Force (MSPPTF) has identified areas for improvement in the standards process and is conducting a deep dive into three areas of opportunity: 1) standards initiation/standard authorization requests, 2) standards development/drafting, and 3) balloting. As part of this initial phase, the task force is seeking input via a [survey](#) that provides an opportunity for stakeholders to offer ideas for consideration to transform current processes to more effectively address the complex and rapidly evolving risk landscape. Please complete the survey by 11:59 p.m. Pacific on **Thursday, June 5**. All responses are anonymous. While the task force will not directly respond to specific comments, feedback will be considered by the task force as it develops its initial outline of recommended changes that will be posted this summer for additional stakeholder input. MSPPTF materials are posted, and will be frequently updated, on a dedicated [MSPP web page](#) under the initiatives tab on the NERC website. [Take the survey](#).

GENERAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT NEWS

NEW Align Release Notes Posted

During the May 17, 2025, maintenance outage, the Align system deployed modifications to correct existing functionality or to improve user experience. The modifications include, but are limited to, the following: fixing the display of Audit Finding IDs throughout the system, the ability to cancel scheduled engagement records, and displaying the Create a Finding action button for region users; improvements to region users' Working Papers to include an updated view, updated review statuses, and new Auditor Review Note functionality; an enhancement to reduce the duplication of created Working Papers of monitoring engagements of Coordinated Oversight Groups; and the ability to provide some documents from region to entity via the monitoring engagement General tab. The Align Release Notes 7.2.0 provide the specific changes and indicate the users affected as well as if any training materials need to be modified. These details are documented in the Align Release Notes 7.2.0, published on May 17, 2025, and can be found on the [Align and SEL](#) webpage under the Release Materials section.

Quick Links

[Compliance Monitoring & Enforcement Program One-Stop Shop](#)
[ERO Enterprise Program Alignment Process](#)
[Consistency Reporting Tool \(EthicsPoint\)](#)
[Risk-Based Registration Initiative](#)
[Reliability Standard Audit Worksheets](#)
[Enforcement & Mitigation: Enforcement Actions](#)
[Align and ERO SEL](#)

OTHER NEWS

NEW NERC Announcement: Record Load Growth, High Temperatures Strain Grid this Summer

NERC's 2025 Summer Reliability Assessment (SRA) finds an elevated risk of electricity supply shortfalls in parts of North America when electricity demand peaks this summer. While all areas are projected to have adequate resources for normal summer conditions, above-normal electricity demand, periods of low wind and solar output, and wide-area heat events that disrupt available transfers and generator availability could leave system operators short on supply in at-risk areas. New resource additions—primarily solar and some batteries—are helping to meet surging load growth. However, these additions are offset by ongoing generator retirements and introduce more complexity and energy limitations into the resource mix. Undertaken annually, the SRA reflects NERC's independent assessment and is intended to inform industry leaders, planners, operators and regulatory bodies so they are better prepared to take necessary actions to ensure bulk power system reliability. [Full Announcement](#) | [2025 Summer Reliability Assessment \(SRA\)](#) | [2025 SRA Infographic](#) | [2025 SRA Video](#)

STANDARDS SUBJECT TO FUTURE ENFORCEMENT

Please refer to the [U.S. Effective Dates page](#) for the most up-to-date information on effective dates and for more detail on the table below.

U.S. Effective Dates for Reliability Standards		
U.S. Effective Date	Standard(s)	Phased-In (Y/N)
July 1, 2025	IRO-010-5 – Reliability Coordinator Data and information Specification and Collection Implementation Plan	No
July 1, 2025	TOP-003-6.1 – Transmission Operator and Balancing Authority Data and Information Specification and Collection Implementation Plan	No
October 1, 2025	TOP-002-5 – Operations Planning Implementation Plan	No
April 1, 2026	CIP-003-9 – Cyber Security — Security Management Controls Implementation Plan	No
April 1, 2026	TPL-008-1 – Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements for Extreme Temperature Events Implementation Plan	Yes
July 1, 2026	CIP-012-2 – Cyber Security—Communications between Control Centers Implementation Plan	No
October 1, 2026	TOP-003-7 – Transmission Operator and Balancing Authority Data and Information Specification and Collection Implementation Plan	No
April 1, 2027	BAL-007-1 – Near-term Energy Reliability Assessments Implementation Plan	No

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND FERC ACTION

There are no Board of Trustees or FERC actions to report on this week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

For a full accounting of upcoming events, please refer to the [NERC Calendar](#).

Workshops and Conferences

Event	Time	Date	Location	Registration
IBR Milestone 3 Industry Engagement Workshop	All Day	June 3–5	Arlington, VA	In-Person Virtual Agenda: Day 1 Day 2 Day 3 UPDATED

Webinars

Event	Time	Date	Registration
NEW Finance and Audit Committee Informational Session and Webinar	11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	May 21	Virtual Agenda Package

Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls

Event	Time	Date	Registration
NEW Project Management and Oversight Subcommittee (PMOS) Virtual Meeting	2:30–4:30 p.m. Eastern	May 20	Virtual Agenda
NEW Standards Committee Meeting	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	May 21	Virtual Agenda
NEW Supply Chain Subcommittee Meeting	2:000–3:00 p.m.	May 22	Details
Joint Reliability and Security Technical Committee/Reliability Issues Steering Committee/Standards Committee Meetings	All Day, Pacific	June 10–12	Details

ERO Enterprise Events			
Event	Time	Date	Registration
SERC Compliance & Registration Fundamentals for IBRs and Beyond	10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern	May 20	Details

Standard Drafting Team Meetings			
Please refer to the Standards calendar for the most up-to-date listing of upcoming meetings.			
Project	Time	Date	Registration
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	May 22	Details
NEW Project 2023-09 – Verifications of Models and Data for Generators	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	May 22	Details
NEW Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008 Reporting Threshold	1:00–2:30 p.m. Eastern	May 27	Details
NEW Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	May 27	Details
NEW Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	12:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	May 28	Details
NEW Project 2023-09 – Verifications of Models and Data for Generators	1:30–4:00 p.m. Eastern	May 28	Details
Project 2024-01 – Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator Owner and Generator Operator)	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	May 29	Details
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00–4:30 p.m. Eastern	May 29	Details
NEW Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	May 29	Details
Project 2022-04 – EMT Modeling	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	June 2	Details
Project 2024-01 – Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator Owner and Generator Operator)	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	June 3	Details
NEW Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	June 5	Details
Project 2017-01 – Modifications to BAL-003 Phase II	10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern	June 6	Details
NEW Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	12:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	June 6	Details

NEW Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	June 16	Details
Project 2022-04 – EMT Modeling	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	June 16	Details
NEW Project 2024-01 – Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator Owner and Generator Operator)	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	June 17	Details
NEW Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	June 17	Details
NEW Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	June 24	Details
NEW Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	June 26	Details
Project 2017-01 – Modifications to BAL-003 Phase II	10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern	June 27	Details
NEW Project 2017-01 – Modifications to BAL-003 Phase II	10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern	July 11	Details
NEW Project 2017-01 – Modifications to BAL-003 Phase II	10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern	July 25	Details

ABOUT THE STANDARDS, COMPLIANCE, AND ENFORCEMENT BULLETIN

This weekly bulletin compiles a list of standards, compliance, and enforcement projects with actionable deadlines, as well as upcoming events, recently posted resources, other NERC documents posted for comment, and other relevant news and information. Please email [Maureen Murtha](#) with feedback on this bulletin. The current bulletin and old bulletins are available under “Program News” on both the [Standards home page](#) and the [Compliance & Enforcement home page](#).

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