

Standards Announcement

Project 2016-02 Modifications to CIP Standards | Virtualization

Formal Comment Period Open through November 16, 2023

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A formal comment period for draft 5 of the **CIP Virtualization standards (outlined below)** is open through **8 p.m. Eastern, Thursday, November 16, 2023**.

- CIP-003-10 - Cyber Security – Security Management Controls*
- CIP-004-8 - Cyber Security – Personnel & Training*
- CIP-005-8 - Cyber Security – BES Cyber System Logical Isolation
- CIP-007-7 - Cyber Security – Systems Security Management
- CIP-010-5 - Cyber Security – Configuration Change Management and Vulnerability Assessments

*Based on recent board adopted standards for CIP-003-9 and CIP-004-7, the posted versions for the 2016-02 Modifications to CIP Standards reflect CIP-003-10 and CIP-004-8. The [Standards Balloting and Commenting System \(SBS\)](#) does not allow edits once a ballot pool has been formed. Even though the standard versioning within the SBS states CIP-003-9 and CIP-004-7, the version numbers within this posting are correct and entities will be voting on CIP-003-10 and CIP-004-8.

The standard drafting team's considerations of the responses received from the previous comment period are reflected in these drafts of the standards.

Commenting

Use the [Standards Balloting and Commenting System \(SBS\)](#) to submit comments. An unofficial Word version of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

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- *Passwords expire every **6 months** and must be reset.*
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Next Steps

Additional ballots for the standards and non-binding polls of the associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels will be conducted **November 7 - 16, 2023**.

For more information on the Standards Development Process, refer to the [Standard Processes Manual](#).

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