

Standards Announcement

Project 2016-02 Modifications to CIP Standards

Formal Comment Period Open through March 22, 2021

Ballot Pools Forming through February 19, 2021

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A 60-day formal comment period for the **CIP Virtualization suite of standards (outlined below)** is open through **8 p.m. Eastern, Monday, March 22, 2021**.

- CIP-002-7 – Cyber Security - BES Cyber System Categorization
- CIP-003-9 – Cyber Security - Security Management Controls
- CIP-004-7 – Cyber Security - Personnel & Training
- CIP-005-8 – Cyber Security - BES Cyber System Logical Isolation
- CIP-006-7 – Cyber Security - Physical Security of BES Cyber Systems
- CIP-007-7 – Cyber Security - Systems Security Management
- CIP-008-7 – Cyber Security - Incident Reporting and Response Planning
- CIP-009-7 – Cyber Security - Recovery Plans for BES Cyber Systems
- CIP-010-5 – Cyber Security - Configuration Change Management and Vulnerability Assessments
- CIP-011-3 – Cyber Security - Information Protection
- CIP-013-3 – Cyber Security - Supply Chain Risk Management

Commenting

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

Ballot Pools

Ballot pools are being formed through **8 p.m. Eastern, Friday, February 19, 2021**. Registered Ballot Body members can join the ballot pools [here](#). **Note that there is a separate ballot and non-binding poll for each of the standards, so it is necessary to join each ballot pool in order to submit votes on all of the standards and their associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels.**

- Contact NERC IT support directly at <https://support.nerc.net/> (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Eastern) for problems regarding accessing the SBS due to a forgotten password, incorrect credential error messages, or system lock-out.

- *Passwords expire every **6 months** and must be reset.*
- *The SBS **is not** supported for use on mobile devices.*
- *Please be mindful of ballot and comment period closing dates. We ask to **allow at least 48 hours** for NERC support staff to assist with inquiries. Therefore, it is recommended that users try logging into their SBS accounts **prior to the last day** of a comment/ballot period.*

Next Steps

Initial ballots for the standards and non-binding polls of the associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels will be conducted **March 12-22, 2021**.

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

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