

Standards, Compliance, and Enforcement Bulletin

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ACTIVE STANDARDS POSTINGS

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

Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources Draft 1	Initial Ballots and Non-Binding Poll	03/01/24	03/11/24
Project 2023-04 – Modifications to CIP-003 Draft 2	Additional Ballots and Non-Binding Poll	03/05/24	03/14/24
NEW Project 2023-03 – Internal Network Security Monitoring (INSM) Draft 1 of CIP-015-1	Initial Ballots and Non-Binding Poll	03/12/24	03/18/24
Project 2020-06 – Verifications of Models and Data for Generators Draft 2 of IBR Glossary Terms	Additional Ballots	03/29/24	04/08/24

Join Ballot Pools

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Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources Draft 1	Comment Period	01/25/24	03/11/24
Project 2023-04 – Modifications to CIP-003 Draft 2	Comment Period	01/30/24	03/14/24
NEW Project 2023-03 – Internal Network Security Monitoring (INSM) Draft 1 of CIP-015-1	Comment Period	02/27/24	03/18/24
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting Draft 2	Comment Period	02/12/24	03/27/24
Project 2020-06 – Verifications of Models and Data for Generators Draft 2 of IBR Glossary Terms	Comment Period	02/22/24	04/08/24

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STANDARDS NEWS

There is no additional Standards news to report for this week.

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](#)

GENERAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT NEWS

NEW Align Release Notes Posted

During the March 2, 2024, maintenance outage, the Align system deployed modifications to correct existing functionality or to improve user experience. The modifications include but limited to the following: validation updates for Canadian functionality; portlet updates to show statuses or information; updates on permissions associated to printing reports from Align forms; updates to the CMEP Activity Search module for CEA users; new columns added for Registered Entity users to better manage their work; correction to IRA and COP functionality; ability for Registered Entity to flag where evidence has been uploaded on PDS submittals; ability to issue RFIs earlier in process for PDS/Self-Certifications; ability to document Areas of Concerns, Recommendations, and Positive Observations on PDS/Self-Certifications; updated versions of Standards in the TFE module; and updates on attestation data fields. The Release Notes provide details on the specific changes and indicate the users affected, as well as if any training materials need to be modified. The detailed release notes can be found on the [Align and SEL web page](#) 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 Launches IBR Registration Initiative Resources to Highlight Progress and Keep Stakeholders Informed

As part of its [Inverter-Based Resource Strategy](#), NERC is dedicated to identifying and addressing challenges associated with inverter-based resources (IBR) as the penetration of these resources continues to increase. ERO Enterprise assessments identified a reliability gap associated with the increasing integration of IBRs as part of the grid in which a significant level of bulk power system-connected IBR owners and operators are not yet required to register with NERC or adhere to its Reliability Standards. In response, FERC issued an [order](#) in 2022 directing NERC to identify and register owners and operators of currently unregistered bulk power system-connected IBRs. Working closely with industry and stakeholders, NERC is executing a FERC-approved work plan to achieve the identification and registration directive by 2026.

In Phase 1 of this project, NERC worked with the Regional Entities to develop potential [Rules of Procedure revisions](#) to address registration of owners and operators of unregistered IBRs that have an aggregate, material impact. The proposed revisions, which were approved by NERC's Board of Trustees on February 22 and will be submitted to FERC in early March, would result in materially impactful IBRs becoming subject to NERC's Reliability Standards, commensurate to the amount of BPS-impactful synchronous resources currently subject to these standards. This proposal addresses revisions to NERC registration process rules; however, additional projects will focus on the standards development process as NERC Reliability Standards are updated consistent with FERC directives under [Order 901](#).

NERC is launching several initiatives to ensure industry and stakeholders are kept informed throughout this critical, three-phase project. [Full Announcement](#) | [IBR Registration Initiative Quick Reference Guide](#)

NEW Security Integration and Technology Enablement Subcommittee Seeks Chair and Vice Chair

The [Security Integration and Technology Enablement Subcommittee](#) (SITES), a Reliability and Security Technical Committee (RSTC) group that supports industry's ability to adopt emerging technologies and develop cyber-informed engineering practices, is seeking volunteers for the positions of chair and vice chair of. Subcommittee deliverables include information and guidance for identifying, assessing, recommending, and supporting the integration of technologies on the bulk power system in a secure, reliable, and effective manner. The [SITES scope document](#) summarizes the qualifications, expectations and responsibilities of the SITES chair and vice chair. Direct questions to [Larry Collier](#), NERC's SITES coordinator.

NEW Lesson Learned Posted

One new lesson learned—[Protective Relay Solid-State Output Contact Voltage Leakage](#)—has been posted on the NERC website on the [Lessons Learned](#) page.

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 below.

U.S. Effective Dates for Reliability Standards

U.S. Effective Date	Standard(s)
April 1, 2024	FAC-003-5 – Transmission Vegetation Management
	FAC-011-4 – System Operating Limits Methodology for the Operations Horizon
	FAC-014-3 – Establish and Communicate System Operating Limits
	IRO-008-3 – Reliability Coordinator Operational Analyses and Real-time Assessments
	PRC-002-4 – Disturbance Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Implementation Plan
	PRC-023-6 – Transmission Relay Loadability Implementation Plan
	PRC-026-2 – Relay Performance During Stable Power Swings Implementation Plan
TOP-001-6 – Transmission Operations	
October 1, 2024	EOP-012-1 – Extreme Cold Weather Preparedness and Operations Note: In accordance with FERC’s February 2023 approval order, NERC submitted a revised implementation plan for the EOP-012 standard on February 16, 2024, and it is pending FERC approval.
July 1, 2025	IRO-010-5 – Reliability Coordinator Data and information Specification and Collection Implementation Plan
	TOP-003-6.1 – Transmission Operator and Balancing Authority Data and Information Specification and Collection Implementation Plan
April 1, 2026	CIP-003-9 - Cyber Security — Security Management Controls

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND FERC ACTION

NEW NERC Filings

On February 27, 2024, NERC submitted an [informational filing errata](#) to correct a typographical error in the Procedure for ERO Support of Frequency Response and Frequency Bias Setting Standard. The procedure was updated in 2019 when NERC revised BAL-003-2 and the error was recently identified. The procedure is on NERC’s website, as well as being informationally filed with FERC. [Filings to FERC for 2024](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Workshops and Conferences

Event	Time	Date	Location	Registration
GridSecCon 2024	All day	October 22–25	Minneapolis, MN	Save the Date

Webinars

Event	Time	Date	Registration
NEW Project 2023-03 – Internal Network Security Monitoring Industry Webinar	2:30–4:00 p.m. Eastern	March 6	Details

Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls

Event	Time	Date	Location and Registration
UPDATED Reliability and Security Technical Committee Meeting	All day	March 12–13	San Diego, CA Agenda Package Informational Session Agenda Package
Standards Committee Meeting	10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Central	March 20	Houston, TX

Standard Drafting Team Meetings

Please refer to the [Standards](#) calendar for the most up-to-date listing of upcoming meetings.

Project	Time	Date	Registration
NEW Project 2023-06 – Modifications to CIP-014	10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern	March 5	Details
Project 2016-02 – Modifications to CIP	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	March 7	Details
NEW Project 2023-06 – Modifications to CIP-014	10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern	March 8	Details
Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008 Reporting Threshold	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	March 11	Details
Project 2016-02 – Modifications to CIP	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	March 14	Details
Project 2021-02 – Modifications to VAR-002	10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern	March 15	Details
Project 2021-03 – CIP-002	11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Eastern	March 18	Details
Project 2021-08 – Modifications to FAC-008	1:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	March 18	Details
NEW Project 2023-03 – Internal Network Security Monitoring	1:30–3:30 p.m. Eastern	March 21	Details

Project 2021-03 – CIP-002	12:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	March 22	Details
NEW Project 2023-03 – Internal Network Security Monitoring	1:30–3:30 p.m. Eastern	March 22	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 [Amy Klagholz](#) 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](#).

REGISTRATION: If you would like to receive this bulletin or be added to a NERC distribution list, you **must** first register an account in the [ERO Portal](#). Once you have registered your ERO Portal account, authenticated your credentials with DUO, and completed your profile, please submit a ticket through the [Help Desk](#) by selecting the “NERC Email Distribution List” option under the Applications menu. In the Description Box, please specify which lists you would like your email address to be added to. If you are unsure of which distribution list you would like to be added to, an excellent starting point is the “[Committee](#)” page. You can note the committee abbreviation, which represents the distribution list you would like to join, in the Description Box. If you have other NERC-related or specific Standards projects you’re interested in, you may request those as well. If you’re interested in general information, please request to be added to the NERC-info distribution list, which covers most NERC announcements. This bulletin is distributed to several lists, including the Standards distribution list (Standards-specific announcements) and the NERC-info distribution list.