



Facts, Questions, and Answers

Align

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What is Align?

Align is an ERO Enterprise software tool that supports a single business process shared across our industry for processing and tracking all compliance monitoring and enforcement activities. Align harmonizes these activities and improves efficiency and productivity. Secure Evidence Lockers (SEL) were launched alongside Align to collect and protect associated evidence.

Why is the ERO Enterprise launching Align?

Benefits of Align and the SEL include—

- Single, common portal for ERO Enterprise, regulators, entities, and stakeholders
- Consistent application of compliance monitoring and enforcement programs
- Increased visibility and transparency
- Increased work quality and productivity
- Improved capability to implement best practices
- Improved reporting and analytics
- Improved data security

When did WECC launch Align and the SEL?

Align and the SEL have been released in stages according to the schedule below.

	U.S.	B.C., Alberta, and Mexico
Release 1 • Self-reports • Enforcement processing • Mitigation plans	May 2021	Schedule under development
Release 2 • Self-certification • Periodic data submittals • Technical Feasibility Exceptions (TFE)	July 2021	
Release 3/4 • Audits, spot checks, investigations • IRA/COPs	December 2021	

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Will training be offered?

WECC is committed to partnering with stakeholders to ensure they are prepared for a successful transition. WECC provides training sessions for all entities prior to each major release.

NERC has established a [training site](#) for quick reference and how-to videos.

Will WECC continue to use webCDMS?

WECC retired webCDMS for entities in the U.S. in 2022. Entities in Canada and Mexico will continue to use webCDMS until Align is launched completely in those jurisdictions.

How is Align access managed?

Entities manage access to Align for their staff in the ERO Portal. All Align users must have an account and username. Users request access to Align and other ERO Enterprise applications through the Portal. Requests are reviewed and approved by designated entity administrators.

How do I maintain my contact information?

It is imperative for entity representatives to keep contact information up-to-date to ensure they receive timely notifications and communication about their compliance monitoring and enforcement activities. Entities maintain contact roles and information in webCDMS and the ERO Portal/CORES.

Where can I go if I have questions or for more information?

NERC maintains a [FAQ for Align and the SEL](#) with information about the tools and how they will be used. If you have additional questions or feedback, contact align@wecc.org.

