



# **Reliability & Security Oversight Update**

**WECC**

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# Internal Compliance Program Self-Assessment— Now Available



## Internal Compliance Program Self-Assessment

August 2025

An effective Internal Compliance Program (ICP) helps entities prevent and detect noncompliance and promote a culture of commitment to reliability and security. The following self-assessment is based on WECC observations during CMEP engagements. Consider these prompts when establishing and evaluating your ICP.

Effective ICPs are as diverse as the entities that adopt them. Decisions about what is appropriate for your entity will depend on many factors, including the scale and scope of your operations and your organizational structure. Each section of this self-assessment includes examples that distinguish between what may be appropriate for entities with high **(HIR)** or low **(LIR)** inherent risk and centralized **(CM)** or decentralized **(DM)** organizational models.

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### Policies and Procedures

Prompt	Examples
Do you reinforce policies and procedures with operational internal controls?	<b>(HIR)</b> Establish a change control board with oversight over operations technology resources. Adopt a charter or policy to establish and define the board's authority. <b>(LIR)</b> Assign standard owners, compliance officers, or CIP Senior Managers to provide final approval of changes affecting areas of NERC compliance.
Do you make documentation accessible and measure awareness?	<b>(CM)</b> Provide a central repository for all policies, procedures, and related documentation that is easily accessible to the appropriate staff. Include feedback mechanisms in regular training to measure awareness of the repository. <b>(DM)</b> Ensure individual business units provide easy access for staff to relevant policies, procedures, and related documentation. Require managers to provide regular training on priority knowledge and skills.





# RELIABILITY IN THE WEST

A DISCUSSION SERIES





## GridSecCon 2025

- October 7–10, 2025 | MGM Grand, Las Vegas, NV
- Over 650 professionals from industry, government, and regional entities
- Ideal for security, reliability, compliance, and executive roles
- Regular registration open through September 23
- Hands-on trainings and sessions with practical strategies to boost security and reliability

**Register here**





# **Reliability & Security Workshop**

**WECC**

**October 14–15, 2025  
San Diego, California**



## GridEx

Hosted every two years by the E-ISAC, GridEx gives E-ISAC member and partner organizations a forum in which to practice how they would respond to and recover from coordinated cyber and physical security threats and incidents.

- GridEx VIII will be held on November 18-19, 2025
- GridEx VII had more than 15,000 participants
- The E-ISAC releases a public report after every GridEx
- Register here: <https://www.eisac.com/s/register-for-gridex>.



## GridEx

# New Participation Options

### STANDARD SCENARIO

- Default GridEx experience
- Move Zero in the week leading up to the exercise
- 2-day full-scale exercise
- Cyber and physical attack scenario unfolding in real-time
- Extra focus on recovery to end the exercise
- Engage all aspects of organizational response
- Partner with external organizations
- Enhance your exercise with media and social media simulation
- Access to the Exercise E-ISAC Portal

### GRIDEX IN A BOX

- 2-day functional exercise
- Abbreviated scenarios customized for smaller planning teams
  - Cyber-focused scenario
  - Physical-focused scenario
- Specialized Exercise Plan designed for staging a real-time exercise on limited resources
- Aligns with the Standard Scenario, enabling external engagement
- Media and social media simulation
- Access to the Exercise E-ISAC Portal

### TABLETOP SCENARIO

- 1-day Discussion-based Tabletop Exercise
- Designed to be "Plug and Play"
- Facilitator guide and slide deck, enabling a single person to deliver a challenging exercise
- Engage internal and external partners in a broad discussion
- In-person or remote





# **Annual Member and Board of Director Meetings**

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# How to Participate

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**Send questions and concerns via Chat**



**Use the “Raise Hand” feature and share**



# Agenda

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- NERC and WECC Happenings
  - Fahad Ansari, Senior Technical Advisor, WECC
- Cold Weather Update
  - Curtis Crews, Senior Technical Advisor, WECC
- NERC and WECC Standards Updates
  - Donovan Crane, Senior Engineer, Standards, WECC
- Inverter-based Resources Initiative Update
  - Abby Fellingner, Senior Registration & Certification Engineer, WECC
  - Andrew Williamson, Senior Registration & Certification Engineer, WECC
  - Mark Rogers, Manager, Registration & Certification, WECC
- Risk Register
  - Scott Brooksby, Senior Cyber Risk Advisor, WECC
  - Mark Willis, Principal Risk Engineer, WECC

# NERC and WECC Happenings

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# NERC/WECC Happenings

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- Large Loads Task Force White Paper Published:
  - Characteristics and Risks of Emerging Large Loads
- NERC Webinar for Registration Process for Category 2 Generator Owner and Generator Operator IBRs
- 2025 ERO Reliability Risk Priorities Report
- NERC Modernization of Standards Processes and Procedures Task Force (MSPPTF) Overview
- Grid Fundamentals
- Level 3 Alert—Inverter-Based Resource Performance and Modeling
  - Reporting completed

# Cold Weather Update

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# NERC and WECC Standards Update

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# NERC Standards Happenings

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- Order 901 Related Projects Ballot and Comment Period 2
  - Out for Comment and Ballot through September 10
- Modernization of Standards Processes and Procedures Task Force (MSPPTF)
  - Working through webinars, looking for feedback on white paper



# WECC Standards Happenings

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- WECC-0157: PRC-006-5 Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding, Update to the WECC Regional Variance
  - Drafting team slate to be presented to WSC August 22
- WECC-0142: Request to Retire BAL-002-WECC-3, Contingency Reserve
  - Will go out for 45-day NERC comment period (Process related) in September
- WECC Standards Committee
  - Meeting Friday August 22 to:
    - Accept drafting team slate for WECC-0157
    - Vet five-year review SARs
      - DT solicitation to follow

# Inverter-based Resources Initiative Updates

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# Entering Category 2 Applications in CORES

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- Full release began August 1, 2025
- ERO Enterprise Interim Plan: August 1, 2025–April 1, 2026
  - Monthly targets managed by Regional Entities
- WECC is reaching out to entities to submit Category 2 GO/GOP applications in CORES.
  - [Submitting a GO GOP Registration Request in CORES](#)
  - [Activating Category 2 GO GOP Functions in CORES](#)



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