

Modernization of Standards Process and Procedures Task Force

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Reliability & Security Oversight Update

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**August 21, 2025
2:00–3:00 p.m. Mountain**



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Reliability & Security Workshop

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

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Modernization of Standards Processes and Procedures (MSPP) Task Force

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WECC Presentation

August 07, 2025

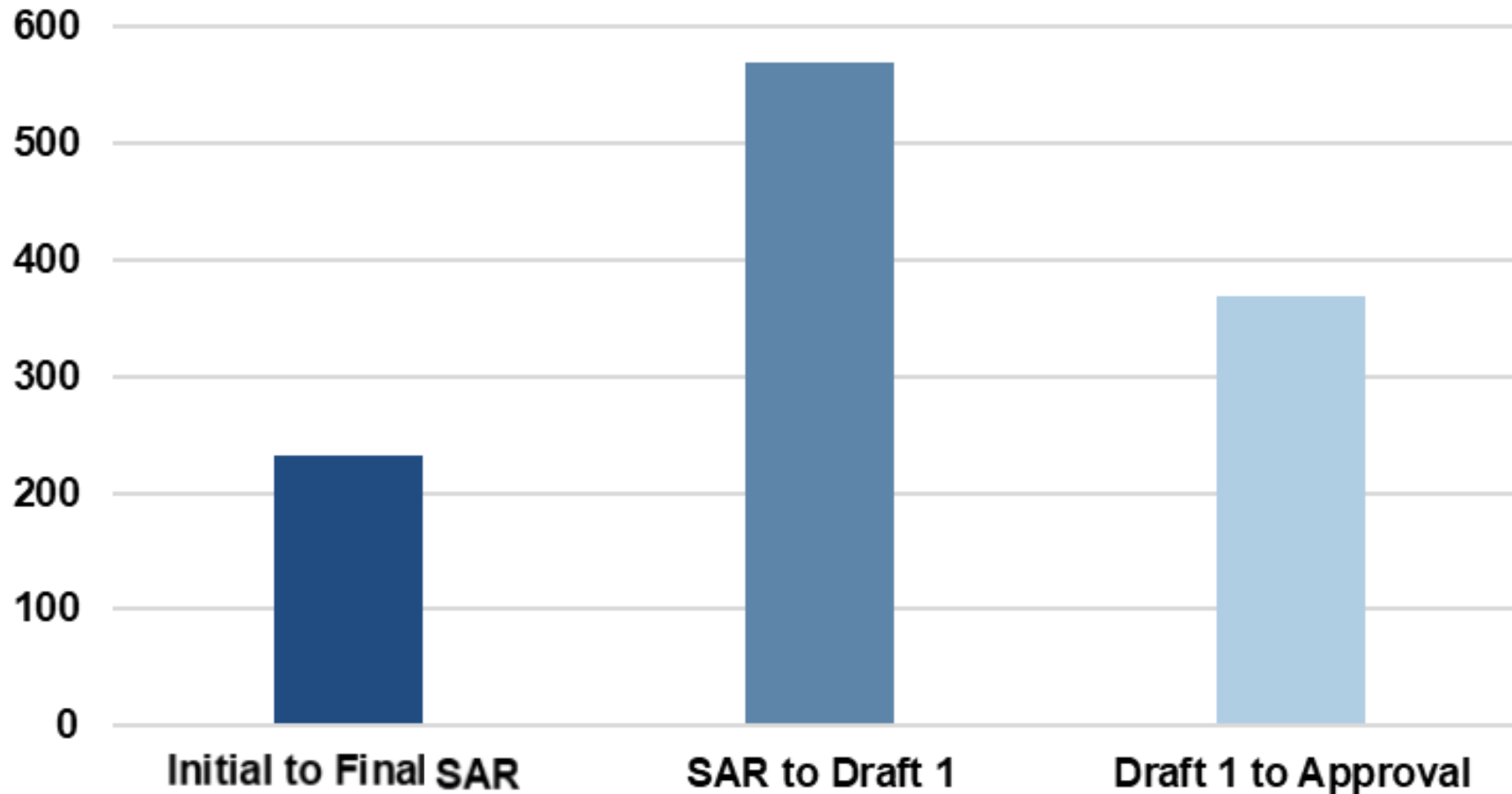
Enhance NERC's ability to address risks associated with grid transformation.

Incremental enhancements have only marginally improved efficiency.

Ongoing robust and meaningful stakeholder participation.

Survey results indicate broad agreement with scope of task force.

Duration of Each Process Step (in days)



Transform and Modernize the Process

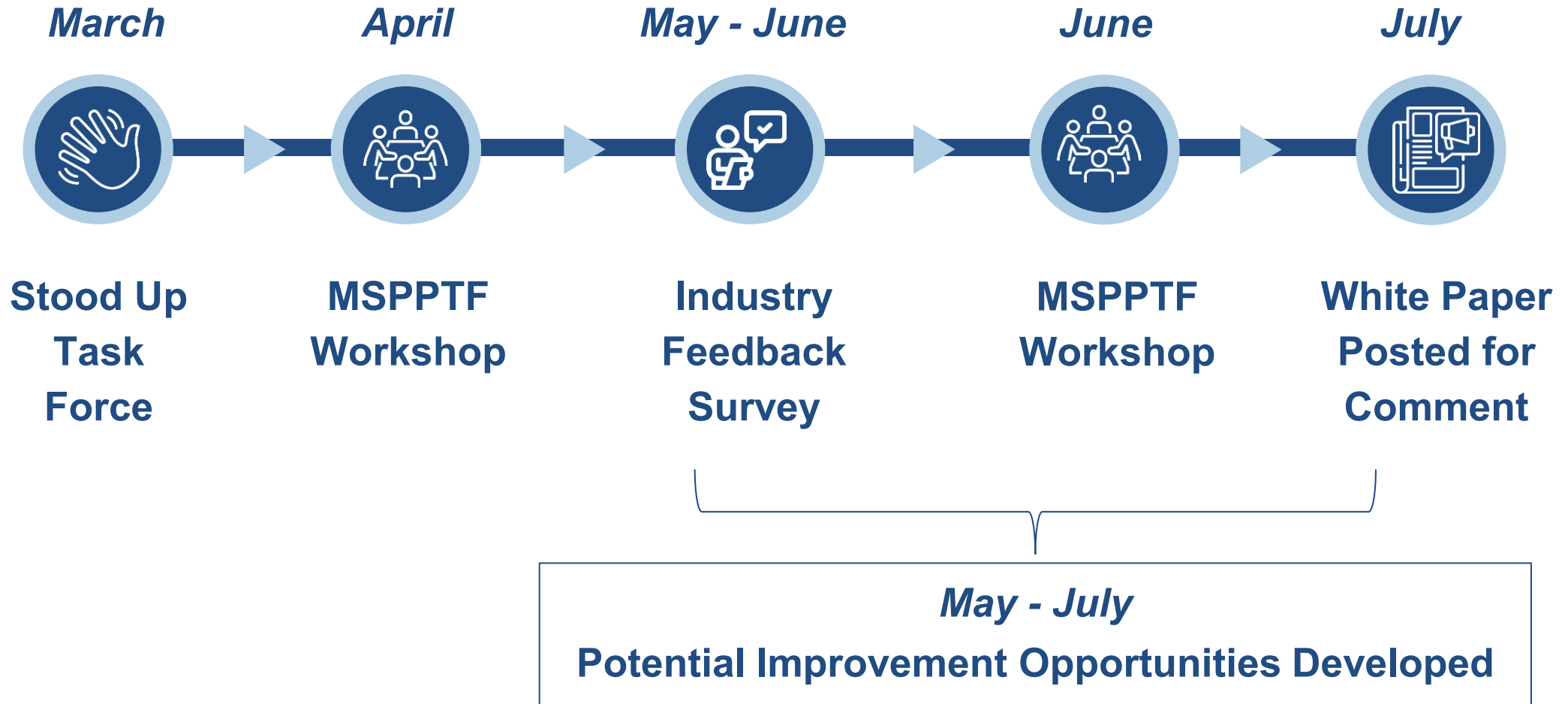
Re-envision a modernized standard development process to address evolving risks.

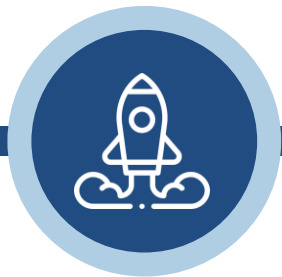
Create Efficiencies

Identify areas of opportunity and recommendations to save time and remove redundant steps in the current process.

Develop a Trusted Process

Provide clear opportunities for stakeholder input, due process, openness, and balance of interests.





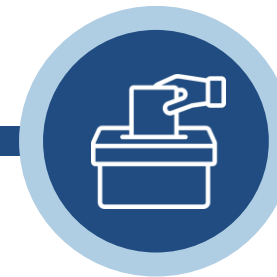
Standards Initiation

- **Begins:** when a request to develop a standard is submitted
- **Ends:** a request is approved to begin the drafting process



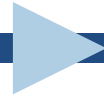
Standards Development

- **Begins:** a vetted request is approved for standard development
- **Ends:** a proposed standard is drafted



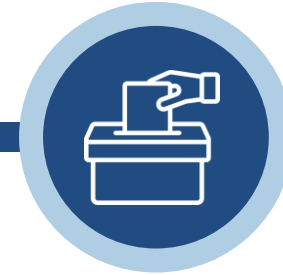
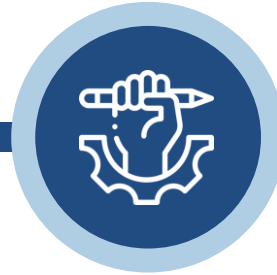
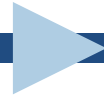
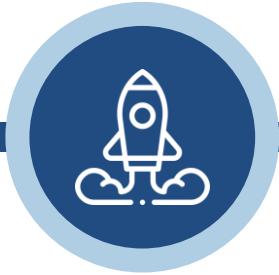
Balloting

- **Begins:** when proposed standards are ready for industry balloting
- **Ends:** when either the standard is approved or returned back to the drafting process



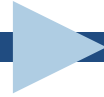
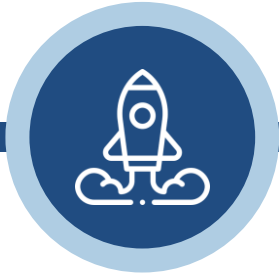
Standards Initiation

- Implement a biannual review and prioritization process
- Centralize the process through the Reliability and Security Technical Committee



Standards Development

- Form a new group or panel to coordinate standards drafting with AI assistance
- Outsource standards drafting
- Implement incremental process changes



Balloting

- Create a standing ballot body
- Implement a notice and comment process for proposed standards
- Implement incremental changes to Registered Ballot Body framework



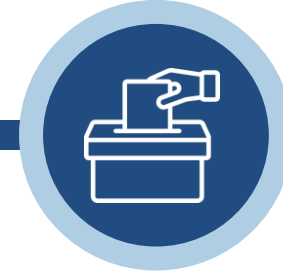
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July 21
Industry Webinar

**Week of
August 4**
*“Drop-in” Q&A
Sessions*

July 22
*Public Comment
Period Open*

August 27
*Public Comment
Period Closes*

July-August

*Industry Outreach (Regional Entity events,
NERC Standing Committees, MRC, Board,
task force outreach etc.)*

Date	Event
July 16	SC Meeting
July 17	MRC Informational Session
July 21	NERC Industry Webinar
July 21	ReliabilityFirst “Tech Talk”
July 22	Public Comment Period Opens
July 22	RSTC Meeting
July 24	CCC Meeting
Aug. 5	Q&A Session - Standards Initiation
Aug. 6	Q&A Session - Standards Development

Date	Event
Aug. 7	NPCC Reliability Forum
Aug. 7	WECC Webinar
Aug. 8	Q&A Session – Balloting
Aug. 12	Joint MRO/Texas RE Webinar
Aug. 14	NERC Board of Trustees Meeting
Aug. 19	SERC Webinar
Aug. 20	SC Meeting
Aug. 27	Public Comment Period Closes

Next Steps

- Thoroughly read white paper, ponder the opportunities, and provide feedback
- Submit feedback on posted white paper by August 27
- Engage with industry peers, MSPPTF members and other relevant stakeholders

Industry Feedback

- What opportunities, or aspects of the opportunities, do you support the Task Force pursuing and why? Do you have any suggestions to enhance them?
- What opportunities, or aspects of the opportunities, concern you? Why? Do you have any suggested modifications to address those concerns?
- What additional suggestions or input do you have for the Task Force's consideration?

Q2 2025

- Developed scope document
- Identified areas for improvement
- Solicit stakeholder input

Q3 2025

- Develop white paper of potential improvement opportunities
- Solicit stakeholder input
- Develop draft recommendations

Q4 2025

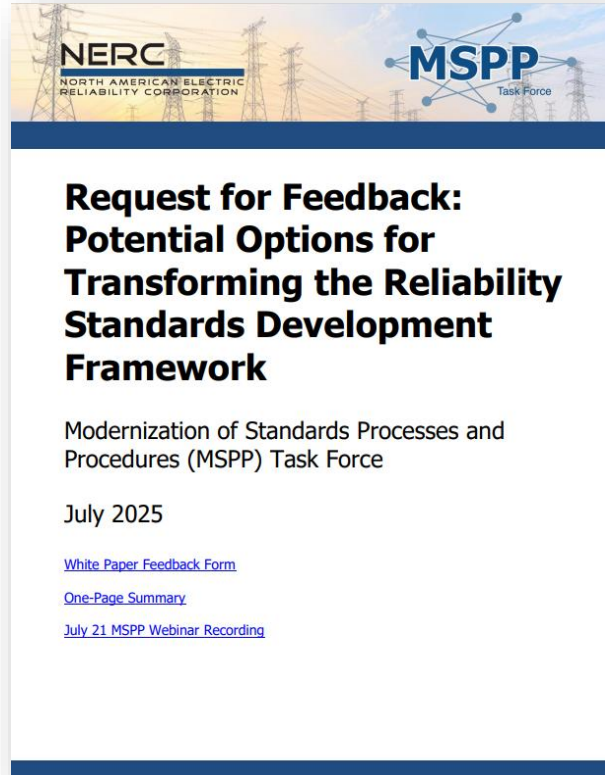
- Solicit stakeholder input
- Finalize recommendations

Q1 2026

- Present recommendations to NERC Board

Communications and Engagement

- Individual task force engagement
- General communications to and broad engagement with industry and stakeholders
- Updates to NERC's Board, MRC, Standing Committees, and Industry Groups



[White Paper](#) |
[White Paper Feedback Form](#)

Modernization of Standards Processes and Procedures Task Force (MSPPTF)

At its February 2025 meeting, the NERC Board of Trustees passed a [resolution](#) forming an industry-led Modernization of Standards Processes and Procedures Task Force (MSPPTF) to undertake a strategic review of NERC's Reliability Standards development process. The MSPPTF's work will focus on transforming current processes and procedures to ensure that standards can be developed more efficiently and effectively to better address the complex and rapidly evolving risk landscape. Maintaining a collaborative stakeholder-based process that reflects the balance of interests will be one of the guiding principles of the initiative. The MSPPTF will present its recommendations to the board at its February 2026 meeting.

For questions, please email mspp@nerc.net

Stakeholder Input

The MSPPTF has posted for comment, a white paper on potential improvement opportunities in three areas: standards initiation, standards development, and balloting. To simplify the comment submission process, a standardized form with no character limit has been provided. If an alternative submission mechanism is required, email mspp@nerc.net. The deadline for comments is 11:59 p.m. Pacific, August 27.

[White Paper](#) | [Feedback Form](#) | [One-page Summary](#) | [July 21 MSPPTF Webinar Recording](#)

Updates	
Name	
July 2025 MSPPTF Update	
June 2025 MSPPTF Update	
May 2025 MSPPTF Update	
Resources	
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MSPPTF External Engagements	
MSPPTF FAQs	
MSPPTF Roster	
MSPPTF Scope	
MSPPTF Stakeholder Survey Responses - June 2025	
MSPPTF White Paper - July 2025	
Presentation - July 21 2025 Stakeholder Webinar	
Presentation - May 8 2025 NERC Board of Trustees	
Registered Ballot Body Task Force Analysis and Recommendations - Dec 2024	
White Paper One-page Summary	

[MSPPTF Webpage](#)



Questions and Answers

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