

North American Transmission Forum External Newsletter

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NATF Welcomes New Member

We are pleased to announce Texas-New Mexico Power (TNMP) has joined the NATF.

Click [here](#) to learn more about NATF membership.

NATF Human Performance Certification

The NATF recently recognized the inaugural class of certified human performance professionals. The certifications were attained through completion of education, participation, application, and examination on concepts of human performance improvement, and with a selected area of emphasis from 16 technical practices for safe, reliable operation of the electric transmission system.

The Human Performance Improvement Certification Program is administered by the NATF and is available to practitioners employed by NATF member organizations.

NERC-NATF-EPRI Annual Transmission Planning and Modeling Workshop

The NATF is partnering again with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) to host a virtual transmission planning and modeling seminar on November 19–20, 2024 (1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. eastern each day). The seminar will feature industry experts sharing valuable insights, best practices, and innovative strategies to address the evolving transmission planning and modeling topics and challenges.

The link to register and additional information are posted [here](#).

Annual Supply Chain Criteria and Questionnaire Revision Process Underway

The annual revision process for the *NATF Supply Chain Security Criteria* and the *Energy Sector Supply Chain Risk Questionnaire* is underway. The revision process, the criteria, and the questionnaire are posted on the NATF's public [Supply Chain Industry Coordination](#) website. The process is open to industry, suppliers, regulators, and other stakeholders to provide the opportunity for input.

These tools are useful for risk management and compliance efforts. Both the criteria and the questionnaire are incorporated into the ERO Enterprise-endorsed implementation guidance documents for CIP-013 (available on the NERC website and the NATF public website):

- [NATF CIP-013 Implementation Guidance: Using Independent Assessments of Vendors](#)
- [NATF CIP-013 Implementation Guidance: Supply Chain Risk Management Plans](#)

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These documents support using the criteria and questionnaire in a risk-based manner, where the entity determines which criteria or questions apply for a procurement.

Input on the criteria and questionnaire can be submitted to supplychain@natf.net until close of business January 31, 2025, for consideration in the 2025 review cycle.

As a reminder: *The criteria and questionnaire capture supplier information important to the energy sector for conducting risk assessments while keeping the amount of data received to a manageable level. The criteria are also verifiable. They are mapped to National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) frameworks; and while NIST does not have a third-party certification or assessment available, the criteria are also mapped to other security frameworks that are certified or assessed by a qualified third-party. Note that while there is not a single security framework that addresses all criteria, including NIST, most can be verified by obtaining a combination of certifications and/or assessments.*

Redacted Operating Experience Reports

We recently posted a new operating experience report to the “[Documents](#)” section of our public site for members and other utilities to use internally and share with their contractors to help improve safety, reliability, and resilience.

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