



## Upcoming Events

SERC Q2 Open Forum  
Webex  
May 11, 2020

Reliability First Open Call Forum  
Conference Call  
May 18, 2020

Texas RE Reliability 101 Workshop  
Austin, Texas  
July 23, 2020

## From the Industry



**Reliability Amid Coronavirus**  
Sean Thompson, Supervisor, NERC Services  
The purpose of the following "close out"...

**RC Transition Report**  
Leland McMillan, Supervisor, NERC Services  
The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) announced today...



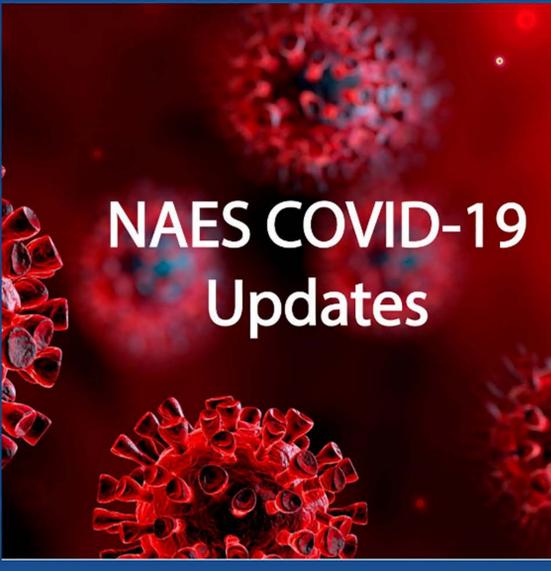
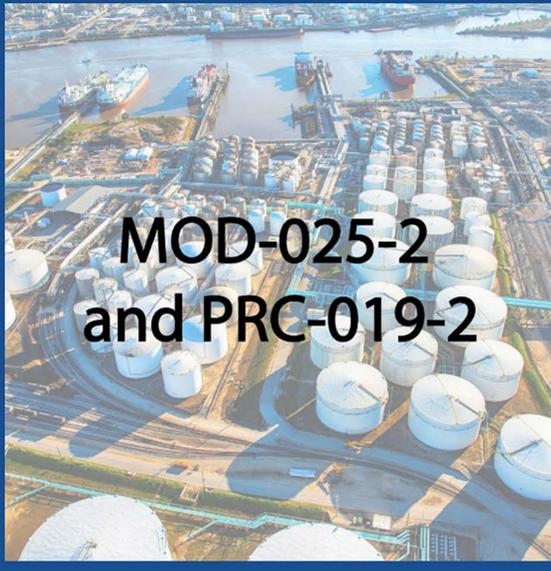
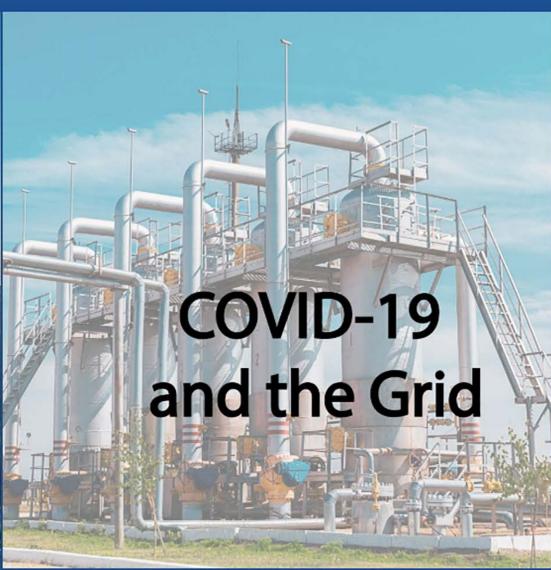
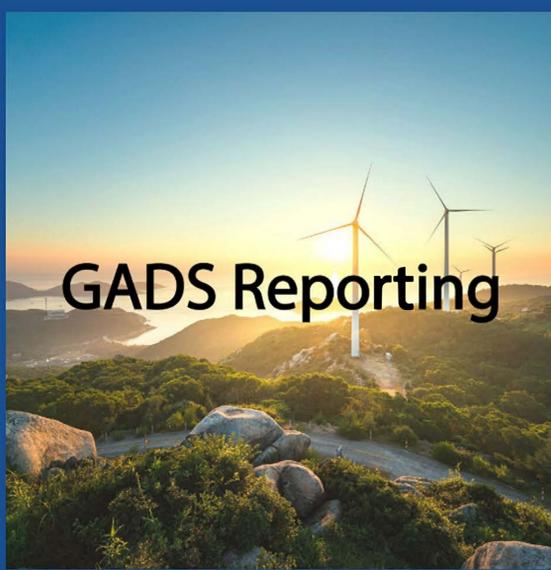
## Key Effective Dates

PRC-027  
Coordination of Protection Systems for Performance During Faults  
October 1, 2020

PER-006  
Specific Training for Personnel  
October 1, 2020

PRC-012  
Remedial Action Schemes  
January 1, 2021

## Featured Articles



## Cyber Security Awareness Moment

**COVID-19: What does it mean for Cyber Security?**  
That bad actors will take advantage of chaos and fear to infiltrate systems. This is what you can do to protect your systems from COVID-19:

- Keep your anti-virus applications up-to-date.
- Scrutinize all requests for remote access – don't recognize the individual, deny access.
- Evaluate and review senders of emails with attachments regarding COVID-19 – care providers will not embed links.
- If allowing remote access for employees, use a Plant TCA. Use existing access request controls when allowing remote access to the BCS – access is always based on need and take steps to ensure that connectivity is secure and deploy two factor authentications whenever possible.
- Be clear that that device shall not be used for any other purpose than that set forth in connection with the BCS.

Give your employees instructions on how to:

- Access the VPN.
- Lock the device when not in front of it.
- Terminate sessions routinely.

## News Flashes

Designated Approving Officer  
MIDAS Q1 Reporting  
ERO Security Initiative  
NERC Motion to Defer 7 Reliability Standards

The E-ISAC is asking all organizations with portal accounts to identify a Designated Approval Officer (DAO) and an alternate DAO who will be responsible for confirming new member requests and maintaining their organizations' information and Portal access user list. The DAO should be a senior security manager with understanding of who should have access to the E-ISAC Portal and who can serve as a point of contact please email [memberservices@eisac.com](mailto:memberservices@eisac.com) to identify your primary and alternate DAO by May 4.

Due to COVID-19 and its disruptive effects on business, the Q1 Reporting Deadline for MIDAS and all other Section 1600 applications has been moved to June 29, 2020. This extension allows users extra time to enter data without causing any major disturbances to future reporting and analysis. Please coordinate with your Regional Entity if there will be any delays in providing the data on or before the due date. If you have any additional questions, please email [MIDAS@nerc.net](mailto:MIDAS@nerc.net).

NERC Announced that it is creating a new ERO Enterprise Security Initiative to focus on security outreach and education. Vice President Bill Lawrence is to take the lead in working with the Regional entities to engage stakeholders in more meaningful education in this challenging area. These efforts will bolster the ongoing security efforts of industry and the ERO Enterprise. The initiative will focus on:

- The development, promotion and coordination of physical and cyber security efforts, including sharing best practices
- Development of security training and participation in regional and continent-wide security exercise
- Supporting NERC, the regions and industry on matters related to the interface of reliability and security

NERC filed a motion with FERC to defer the implementation of several Reliability Standards that have effective dates or phased-in implementation dates in the second half of 2020. This action is a measure to help assure grid reliability amid the impacts posed by the coronavirus outbreak. Read more [Here](#).