NEWS BULLETIN

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The SPP RE is issuing this news bulletin to keep our registered entities informed about current and emerging NERC and SPP RE initiatives, as well as compliance training opportunities. We encourage you to take note of the items listed below and forward this bulletin to other individuals assigned to your compliance programs.

- **NERC to Host MRC Informational Session Conference Call and Webinar.** On February 10, 2011, NERC will host a Member Representative Committee (MRC) Informational Session Conference Call and Webinar. Among the topics that will be discussed are: Frequency Response Initiative, System Protection and Control Initiative, Critical Infrastructure Coordinated Action Plan Initiatives, and Event Analysis Process Update. View the agenda [here](#). Register for the conference call and webinar [here](#).

- **SPP RE Seeking Balancing Authorities and Transmission Operators to Participate in 2011 CIP-002 Sufficiency Review.** NERC CIP-002 Cyber Security – Critical Cyber Asset Identification Standard requires that entities identify and document the Critical Cyber Assets (CCAs) associated with the critical assets that support the reliable operation of the bulk electric system. Specifically, CIP-002 R1 requires entities to develop a risk-based assessment methodology that provides the evaluation criteria to identify their critical assets. CIP-002 R2 requires entities to apply these criteria to identify their list of critical assets.
In early 2010, NERC initiated a series of Sufficiency Reviews in an effort to better understand how entities developed their methodologies, and determine if entities were fully considering the purpose of the CIP standards. Read the 2010 NERC Sufficiency Review.

On February 25, we will host a webinar to discuss the Sufficiency Reviews and to solicit volunteer entities that are registered as a Balancing Authority or Transmission Operator in the SPP RE region to participate in the 2011 Sufficiency Review program. Questions regarding the Sufficiency Reviews may be directed to Kevin Perry. Register for the SPP RE webinar here.

NERC and SPP RE Host Webinars to Review the Revised Regional Misoperation Format and Reporting Procedures. In 2010, NERC and Regional Entity Executive Management Group (ERO-EMG) tasked the ERO Reliability Assessment and Performance Analysis (ERO-RAPA) with developing a consistent format and specifications for Registered Entities to report protection system misoperation data to the Regions under NERC Reliability Standards PRC-003 and PRC-004.

On February 10, NERC will host a training webinar designed to provide an overview of revised regional misoperation format and reporting procedures and answer any questions on the consistent misoperation reporting template associated with NERC’s Reliability Standards PRC-003, PRC-004 and PRC-016. Register for the NERC webinar here.

On February 28, we will host a webinar on this same topic to address issues that are specific to the SPP RE region. Register for the SPP RE webinar here. Questions regarding the misoperations reporting procedures may be directed to Thomas Teafatiller.

- **FERC Issues Orders Approving Interpretation of CIP-001 and CIP-005.** On February 2, FERC issued orders approving NERC’s interpretations of certain provisions of interpretation of Reliability Standards CIP-001 — Cyber Security — Sabotage Reporting, Requirement R2 and Cyber Security — Electronic Security Perimeter(s), Section 4.2.2 and Requirement R1.3. (The referenced interpretations are located in the appendix to the standard.) Questions regarding CIP-001 and CIP-005 may be directed to Jim Williams and Kevin Perry, respectively.

- **SPP RE Sets Dates for 2011 Compliance Workshops.** The dates for the SPP RE spring, fall, and CIP compliance workshops are as follows:

  - Spring Compliance Workshop- March 28-29
  - CIP Workshop- May 11-12
  - Fall Compliance Workshop- October 4-5