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 involved in your compliance programs.

**Upcoming Training Opportunities:**

- **May 19, 2011 (10-11 CDT)** - Southwest Power Pool RE Webinar: Enforcement Process - The webinar will address the “why, what, when, and how” regarding evidence submission following the discovery of a possible violation. Register [here](#).

- **May 19, 2011 (11-1 EDT)** – NERC Webinar: Project 2010-17 Definition of Bulk Electric System and Supporting Rules of Procedure. This webinar will give entities the opportunity to review documents regarding the efforts to revise the definition of the Bulk Electric System. Register [here](#). Agenda is located [here](#).

- **May 20, 2011 (1-4 CST)** - Southwest Power Pool Standards Group Webinar: Real-time Operations (draft 5 of TOP-001-2, TOP-002-2, and TOP-003-2, the Implementation Plan, and associated VRFs and VSLs). Register [here](#).
• **May 25, 2011 (3-5pm EDT)** - NERC Aurora Vulnerability Webinar: Aurora vulnerability is identified in current protection systems as being potentially harmful to critical electric systems. This webinar will give entities the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the June 13, 2011 deadline for Aurora mitigation plans. Register [here](#).

• **May 26, 2011 (11-12 EDT)** - NERC CANS (CAN-0008, CAN-0010 and CAN-0011) Review Webinar: During the webinar, auditors will discuss how to apply CANS during an audit. Register [here](#).

**NERC Adds Reliability Assessments and Trends to Website.**
NERC recently added *Reliability Indicators*, which consist of nine metrics that measure and track relative reliability trends and performance, on its [Assessments & Trends web page](#). Read the [2010 Annual Report on Bulk Power System Reliability Metrics](#) to learn more about the reliability metrics and their intended use.

**NERC CIP Version 4 Survey Response Deadline June 1.** NERC has issued a request to all registered entities to complete the “NERC CIP Version 4 Survey” by June 1. The survey comes in response to FERC’s request for additional information on a petition filed by NERC. In February, NERC filed a petition with FERC requesting the approval of NERC’s proposed changes to CIP Version 4, which included changes to CIP-002 through CIP-009. In April, FERC responded with a request for additional information on this petition. Many of the survey questions are based on FERC’s request. To read the survey announcement in its entirety, please click [here](#). To participate in the “NERC CIP Version 4 Survey,” please click [here](#).

**NERC Updates Case Notes.** On April 29, NERC updated the Case Notes document located [here](#). The Case Notes contain information from mitigation plans that have been previously approved by Regional Entities and NERC.