



Dear friend,

Welcome back to On the Radar - your monthly source for all things NST. This month, we've got news on CIP-015, a cheat sheet for all the NERC CIP Standards, and a spotlight on the "Dungeon Master" of NST's tabletop drills. Plus, we're starting the Countdown to Compliance, and of course, taking a quick look at upcoming events.

Check it out!

FERC Approves CIP-015

In case you didn't hear already, we figured we'd give you a heads up that FERC approved CIP-015 - Internal Network Security Monitoring.

What does this mean for you?

Effective Date

FERC hasn't officially published the Standard to the Federal Register yet, so we don't have an exact date. What we *can* tell you is that once FERC publishes CIP-015 (typically <30 days after approval), high impact BCS and medium impact BCS with ERC at Control Centers will have 36 months from the end of the quarter to comply, while other medium impact BCS with ERC will have an additional 24 months (60 months total).

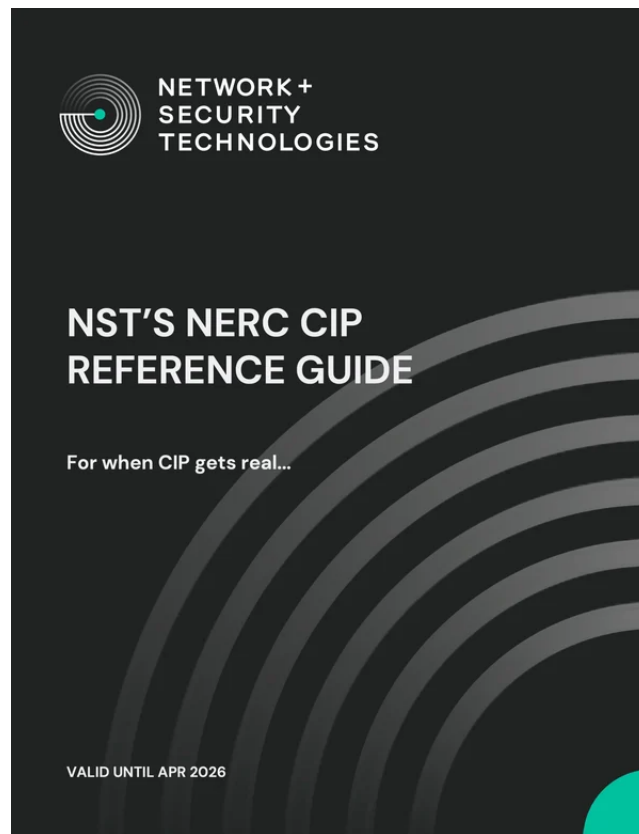
Don't wait!

Internal Network Security Monitoring (INSM) requires technologies that many

Entities don't have already. As such, hardware and software providers will see much greater demand, resulting in increased lead times and as such, a shorter runway to develop a compliant program. Get ahead of the curve!

[Read the full FERC announcement here!](#)

Help me!



NST's NERC CIP Reference Guide

Tired of finding yourself flipping through countless PDFs to find the exact wording of *that one requirement*? We get it - that's why we developed NST's NERC CIP Reference Guide!

We've consolidated the "meat and potatoes" from the NERC CIP Standards into one palatable PDF to turn digging through the Standards into a piece of cake!

So next time you find yourself asking ChatGPT how many days you have left to

implement Lessons Learned, check out NST's NERC CIP Reference Guide.

Click below to grab a copy for yourself!

[Click here to download!](#)



Employee Spotlight - Matthew Preston

Matthew joined NST in 2018 with 12 years of experience at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee in IT, data, and network infrastructure. He found success early on in Vulnerability Assessments and Internal Controls, and has since expanded into Mock Audits, Tabletop Exercises, and more! Matthew loves helping people however he can, as well as difficult problems with fun solutions.

Matthew has recently supported multiple CIP-008/CIP-009 Tabletop Exercises, having dubbed himself NST's "Dungeon Master". Just like the popular game Dungeons and Dragons, a Tabletop Exercise needs a fictional scenario with multiple paths for the SMEs to choose from. Keeping the Tabletop Exercises fun and entertaining without missing out on key requirements is Matthew's main focus, and has proven to be a fun challenge!

To get the most out of your exercise, Matthew recommends first dissecting your Plan and identifying areas that fit well into a narrative, then coming up with creative ways to tie in the missing parts of the Plan. Matthew also emphasizes the importance of plausibility to keep SMEs engaged and learning real-world skills. Finally, Matthew always includes multiple "ways out" to encourage discussion and dialogue among the team.

When he's not creating the lore behind your organization's next fictional cyber attack, Matthew keeps his mind engaged with games and puzzles of all kinds. No matter where he is, Matthew is always solving problems and having fun!

Click below to find out more about what Matthew can bring to the table(top)!

[Check out Matthew's full bio here!](#)

Countdown to Compliance!

With CIP-003-9, CIP-012-2, and CIP-015-1 all on the way, Effective Dates can be tough to keep track of.

Introducing NST's Countdown to Compliance! We've done the calculations to figure out exactly how many working days you have left to implement the new Standards so you don't have to!

184	Working days until CIP-003-9
247	Working days until CIP-012-2
TBD	Working days until CIP-015-1

*Calculations made with respect to 07/01/2025

The countdown has started... you know what to do!

Click here to chat with the NST Sales Team

Events on the Radar

We're keeping track of upcoming events so you don't have to! Here's what we're tracking over the next month:

NPCC

- CIP-003-8 R2 in Practice
 - Wednesday, July 16
 - <https://www.npcc.org/events/npcc-webinar-cip-003-8-r2-in-practice>

RF

- Technical Talk with RF
 - Monday, July 21
 - <https://www.rfirst.org/event/technical-talk-with-rf-july-2025/>

TRE

- Evolving Grid Workshop

- Wednesday, July 16
- <https://texasre.org/pages/calendar/events/2025/july/evolvinggridworkshop>
- Talk with Texas RE: Extreme Weather Response Risk Element
 - Tuesday, July 22
 - <https://texasre.org/pages/calendar/events/2025/july/talkwithtexasrerisk>
- Talk with Texas RE: Modeling and Model Verification
 - Wednesday, July 30
 - <https://texasre.org/pages/calendar/events/2025/july/talkwithtexasremodelingandmodelverification>

WECC

- Reliability & Security Oversight Update
 - Thursday, July 17
 - <https://www.wecc.org/meetings/17311-reliability-security-oversight-update>

Happy fourth!

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