



Dear friend,

Nobody likes NERC CIP... April fools! We **love** NERC CIP, and so can you! Happy April and welcome back to On the Radar, your monthly source of all things NST. This month, we're coming in hot with a case study on a low impact CIP compliance program, checking out what your favorite NERC CIP consultants have been up to, and hearing the story behind The Consultant Formerly Known as Wattson the Talking Lightbulb! (A mouthful, we know...) Read it all below!



Case Study - Rapid Low Impact Program Development

Even if you plan accordingly, developing a grassroots low impact compliance program can feel like a sprint and lead to SME burnout. NST can help your organization develop a secure, compliant program **from the start**. Click below to read about how we worked with the entire organization to ensure that NERC CIP compliance was taken in stride!

Case Study - Rapid Low Impact Program Development



Employee Spotlight - Scott Webb

Scott joined NST in 2017 with years of experience across the board, from project management and forecasting to CIP education and program development. Scott's first experience in NERC CIP was the development of a Learning Management System (LMS) for system operators and CIP SMEs at a large organization. Naturally, Scott was cast for the lead role in the recordings, taking on the stage name "Wattson the Talking Lightbulb". (Please, save autographs for later!)

Since joining NST, Scott has honed his expertise in internal controls and process development while staying active in industry groups like the NATF, CIPC, and NERC's Supply Chain Working Group. In 2019, with CIP-013 on the horizon, Scott was tasked with the ground-up development of NST's Supply Chain Risk Management (SCRM) services.

For Scott's first project, an Entity's small procurement team assumed responsibility for a large number of sites, presenting a unique challenge. As a result, Scott pushed for the program's integration across multiple business units in order to limit the procurement team's workload without breaking the bank. Scott continues to support this program in day-to-day and broader compliance responsibilities, and Scott, the Entity, and the program have grown and matured together to this day.

Scott has developed dozens of CIP-013 programs for Entities of all sizes in every NERC Region. Hit us up to work with Scott on one of your own!

Check out Scott's full bio here!

[Click here to email the NSTeam about your own CIP-013 program!](#)

Behind the Team

Long time no team! Check out what we've been up to since last time!



Patrick and Ben feeling on top of the world outside Salt Lake City! It's all downhill from here...



NST nuptials!



Not sure if we're reading into it, but there might be some sparks between these two...



The infamous Mountain Man (Ben) claims yet another victim. (Matt)



I think Patrick is jealous of Matt's face paint here.



Matching pants? Well, ONE of us is gonna have to change!



Where in the world are Craig and Amanda? Putting Carmen Sandiego to shame!



And finally, Laith and Selma enjoying their honeymoon in Qatar. Beautiful!

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:

MRO

- 2025 Virtual RAM Conference
 - Thursday, April 3
 - <https://www.mro.net/event/2025-virtual-ram-conference/>
- GridEx VIII Preparation Webinar: Lessons from NPPD's Participation
 - Thursday, April 10
 - <https://www.mro.net/event/gridex-viii-preparation-webinar-lessons-from-nppds-participation/>

RF

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

SERC

- Risk-Based Compliance and Self-Reporting Guidance: Process Changes Webinar
 - Thursday, April 24
 - <https://www.serc1.org/outreach/events-calendar/event-details?id=5e4d1865-3136-4ed7-9aa6-4a6c9e84e034>

TRE

- Talk with Texas RE: IBR Work Plans and Registration
 - Tuesday, April 1
 - <https://www.texasre.org/pages/calendar/events/2025/april/talkwithtexasreibrworkplansandregistration>
- Talk with Texas RE: Trends for New Registrants
 - Tuesday, April 8
 - <https://www.texasre.org/pages/calendar/events/2025/april/talkwithtexasre trendsfornewregistrants>
- Spring Standards, Security, & Reliability Workshop
 - Wednesday, April 23
 - <https://www.texasre.org/pages/calendar/events/2025/april/springstandardssecurityreliabilityworkshop>

[dssecurityandreliabilityworkshop](#)

WECC

- Reliability in the West Discussion Series: Data and Modeling
 - Wednesday, April 9
 - <https://www.wecc.org/meetings/17061-reliability-west-discussion-series>

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