



Dear friend,

Welcome back to On the Radar - your monthly source for all things NST. This month, we're starting out with a quick check-in to make sure you're prepared for CIP-012-2. Next up, we're highlighting NST's Jill of all Trades, keeping the clock ticking on upcoming CIP Standards, and making sure you're in the loop on this month's big events.

Check it out!

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### Quiz: Do you have what it takes to comply with CIP-012-2?

CIP-012-2 is on the way, with an **effective date of 7/21/26**! To help you prepare, we've put together a list of questions about your existing CIP-012-1 Plan to which you should be able to answer with a confident "Yes!". How do you score?

1. Does your Plan identify all Real-time Assessment and Real-time monitoring data elements (TOP-003 & IRO-010)?
2. Does your Plan identify the circuits/pathways used to transmit data between Control Centers?
3. Does your Plan identify all communication segments, including alternate network paths, between each Control Center and the method of protection on each path segment?
4. Does your Plan identify the in-scope devices or procedures which implement the protections identified in R1.2 and R1.3?

- NST has worked with entities that have large numbers of encryption devices in their CIP-012 implementation. These devices are often not associated with a CIP BCS and not subject to CIP-002 thru CIP-011 protections, but compliance prudence would suggest the devices should be on a CIP-012 inventory list and a network diagram created to show the CC-to-CC communication pathways and protection points.
5. Does your Plan address logical and/or physical protections? Have you talked to your current carrier about how they keep you online?
- Many entities simply reference their CIP-006 Plan and keep related equipment within a PSP, but if communication pathways reside outside of the PSP, there should be physical protections for that segment.

Having trouble coming up with solid answers? NST is here to help! Click below to chat about all things CIP-012-2.

[Click here for help!](#)

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## **Employee Spotlight - Dana Bradshaw**

Dana joined NST in 2021 with nearly a decade of prior experience including various consulting projects as well as long-term support for a large national utility. As Dana describes it, the company ran like a well-oiled machine; periodic tasks were completed on-time, procedures were fine-tuned and left little room for error, and compliance was a breeze. Dana, however, was looking for a challenge. So, she joined NST to help a variety of organizations solve difficult and unique problems. Throughout her time with NST, Dana has worked on virtually every part of a CIP program - from patching and access management to Internal Controls, audit prep, and even annual CIP-008 Incident Response Drills - Dana does it all!

Dana notes the importance of paying attention to grey areas within the CIP standards - though it may seem black and white, many nuances come into play for

real organizations with real people. Dana recommends that programs take into account the human element from the start - the thought process and language within a program can impact its success, regardless of SME experience.

After a long day of loving NERC CIP, Dana spends time with her husband and 3 kids, shuttling between soccer, Scouts, and dance class. The Bradshaw family loves to travel and engage in sporting events, and as Kansas City locals, are die-hard Chiefs fans. Finally, when Dana's not in "mom mode", you might find her crafting, quilting, or gardening to wind down.

Click below to read more about Dana's skills!

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

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## **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!

162

Working days until  
CIP-003-9

225

Working days until  
CIP-012-2

787

Working days until  
CIP-015-1

\*Calculations made with respect to 08/05/2025

**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:

### MRO

- Modernization of Standards Processes and Procedures Task Force Webinar
  - Tuesday, August 12
  - <https://www.mro.net/event/modernization-of-standards-processes-and-procedures-task-force-webinar/>
- Inverter-Based Resources (IBR) Webinar
  - Wednesday, August 13
  - <https://www.mro.net/event/inverter-based-resources-ibr-webinar/>

## NPCC

- Reliability Forum
  - Thursday, August 7
  - <https://www.npcc.org/events/reliability-forum-august-7-2025>

## RF

- Protection System Workshop
  - Wednesday, August 6
  - <https://www.rfirst.org/event/protection-system-workshop-2025/>
- Human Performance Workshop
  - Thursday, August 7
  - <https://www.rfirst.org/event/human-performance-workshop-2025/>
- Technical Talk with RF
  - Monday, August 18
  - <https://www.rfirst.org/event/technical-talk-with-rf-august-2025/>
- CIP Low Impact Workshop
  - Tuesday, August 19 - Thursday, August 21
  - <https://www.rfirst.org/event/cip-low-impact-workshop/>

## SERC

- Modernization of Standards Processes and Procedures Task Force (MSPPTF) Update and Q&A
  - Tuesday, August 19
  - <https://www.serc1.org/outreach/events-calendar/event-details?id=0f831cdb-a632-4ba2-ae86-b986d3022dad>
- 2025 SCOOP - Cyber Event
  - Tuesday, August 26
  - <https://www.serc1.org/outreach/events-calendar/event-details?id=d644771f-b68c-4637-95f5-ea00c3a35f3f>

## TRE

- Talk with Texas RE: Cybersecurity Threats
  - Tuesday, August 5
  - <https://texasre.org/pages/calendar/events/2025/august/talkwithtexasrec>

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- Modernization of Standards Processes and Procedures Task Force Webinar
  - Tuesday, August 12
  - <https://texasre.org/pages/calendar/events/2025/august/modernizationofstandardsprocessesandproceduresforcetaskforcewebinar>
- Talk with Texas RE: CIP-003-8
  - Tuesday, August 19
  - <https://texasre.org/pages/calendar/events/2025/august/talkwithtexasrecip-003-8>
- Talk with Texas RE: Data Breach Response
  - Tuesday, August 26
  - <https://texasre.org/pages/calendar/events/2025/august/talkwithtexasredatabreachresponse>

## **WECC**

- NERC Modernization of Standards Processes and Procedures Task Force (MSPPTF) Overview
  - Thursday, August 7
  - <https://www.wecc.org/meetings/20531-nerc-modernization-standards-processes-and-procedures-task-force-mspptf-overview>
- WECC Power Systems Security Conference
  - Tuesday, August 12 - Thursday, August 14
  - <https://www.wecc.org/meetings/18376-wecc-power-systems-security-conference>
- Grid Fundamentals
  - Tuesday, August 19 - Wednesday, August 20
  - <https://www.wecc.org/meetings/15746-grid-fundamentals>
- Reliability and Security Oversight Update
  - Thursday, August 21
  - <https://www.wecc.org/meetings/17316-reliability-security-oversight-update>

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Stay cool,

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