

2026 NERC and NPCC Focus Areas

Background

The table below shows the requirements identified by NERC (shaded blue) as Focus Areas in the 2026 ERO Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program (CMEP) Implementation Plan, along with additional requirements identified by NPCC (unshaded) as 2026 NPCC Regional Focus Areas. There are 67 total requirements: 56 from NERC (14 CIP, 42 O&P) and 11 from NPCC (4 CIP, 7 O&P).

This table is one of several NPCC considerations used in decision making as part of the development of annual risk-based compliance monitoring plans. Entities are still obligated to remain in compliance with all Reliability Standards that apply to their functional registration.

2026 Focus	Source of Focus	Standard	Req.	Functions to Consider Focus
Grid Transformation	NERC	CIP-002-5.1a	R1	BA, DP, GO, GOP, RC, TOP, TO
Remote Connectivity, Physical Security, Grid Transformation	NERC	CIP-003-8	R2	BA, DP, GO, GOP, RC, TOP, TO
Remote Connectivity, Physical Security, Grid Transformation	NERC	CIP-003-9 (Effective 4/1/2026)	R2	BA, DP, GO, GOP, RC, TOP, TO
Cyber Security – Personnel & Training	NPCC	CIP-004-7	R4	BA, DP, GO, GOP, RC, TOP, TO
Cyber Security – Personnel & Training	NPCC	CIP-004-7	R5	BA, DP, GO, GOP, RC, TOP, TO
Grid Transformation	NERC	CIP-004-7	R6	BA, DP, GO, GOP, RC, TOP, TO
Remote Connectivity	NERC	CIP-005-7	R2	BA, DP, GO, GOP, RC, TOP, TO
Remote Connectivity	NERC	CIP-005-7	R3	BA, DP, GO, GOP, RC, TOP, TO
Physical Security	NERC	CIP-006-6	R1	BA, DP, GO, GOP, RC, TOP, TO
Supply Chain	NERC	CIP-007-6	R2	BA, DP, GO, GOP, RC, TOP, TO
Supply Chain	NERC	CIP-010-4	R1	BA, DP, GO, GOP, RC, TOP, TO
Grid Transformation	NERC	CIP-011-3	R1	BA, DP, GO, GOP, RC, TOP, TO
Remote Connectivity	NERC	CIP-012-1	R1	BA, DP, GO, GOP, RC, TOP, TO
Remote Connectivity	NERC	CIP-012-2 (Effective 7/1/2026)	R1	BA, DP, GO, GOP, RC, TOP, TO
Supply Chain	NERC	CIP-013-2	R1	BA, DP, GO, GOP, RC, TOP, TO
Grid Transformation	NERC	CIP-014-3	R1	TO
Physical Security	NPCC	CIP-014-3	R2	TO
Physical Security	NERC	CIP-014-3	R4	TO, TOP
Physical Security	NERC	CIP-014-3	R5	TO, TOP
Physical Security	NPCC	CIP-014-3	R6	TO, TOP
TOP System Restoration	NPCC	EOP-005-3	R1	TOP

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TOP System Restoration	NPCC	EOP-005-3	R8	TOP
TOP System Restoration	NPCC	EOP-005-3	R14	GOP
Extreme Weather Response	NERC	EOP-011-4	R1	TOP
Extreme Weather Response	NERC	EOP-011-4	R2	BA
Extreme Weather Response	NERC	EOP-011-4	R3	RC
Extreme Weather Response	NERC	EOP-011-4	R6	RC
Extreme Weather Response	NERC	EOP-012-3	R1	GO
Extreme Weather Response	NERC	EOP-012-3	R3	GO
Extreme Weather Response	NERC	EOP-012-3	R4	GO
Extreme Weather Response	NERC	EOP-012-3	R5	GO, GOP
Extreme Weather Response	NERC	EOP-012-3	R6	GO, GOP
Extreme Weather Response	NERC	EOP-012-3	R7	GO
Grid Transformation	NERC	FAC-001-4	R1	TO
Grid Transformation	NERC	FAC-001-4	R2	GO
Grid Transformation	NERC	FAC-002-4	R1	TP, PC
Grid Transformation	NERC	FAC-002-4	R2	GO
Extreme Weather Response	NERC	FAC-003-5	R6	GO, TO
Facility Ratings	NERC	FAC-008-5	R6	GO, TO
Facility Ratings	NPCC	FAC-008-5	R8	TO
Grid Transformation	NERC	MOD-025-2	R1	GO
Grid Transformation	NERC	MOD-025-2	R2	GO
Grid Transformation	NERC	MOD-025-2	R3	TO
Grid Transformation	NERC	MOD-026-1	R2	GO
Grid Transformation	NERC	MOD-026-1	R6	TP
Grid Transformation	NERC	MOD-027-1	R5	TP
Grid Transformation	NERC	MOD-031-3	R1	PC, BA
Grid Transformation	NERC	MOD-031-3	R2	PC, TP, BA, RP, DP
Grid Transformation	NERC	MOD-032-1	R1	PC, TP
Grid Transformation	NERC	MOD-032-1 (Effective to Category 2 GOs 5/15/2026)	R2	BA, GO, LSE, RP, TO, TSP
Grid Transformation	NERC	MOD-032-1 (Effective to Category 2 GOs 5/15/2026)	R3	BA, GO, LSE, RP, TO, TSP
Grid Transformation	NERC	MOD-032-1	R4	PC
Grid Transformation	NERC	PRC-005-6	R3	TO, GO, DP
Grid Transformation	NERC	PRC-005-6	R5	TO, GO, DP
UFLS Settings	NPCC	PRC-006-NPCC-2	R3	TO
Generating Unit/Plant Capability Coordination	NPCC	PRC-019-2	R1	GO

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Generating Unit/Plant Capability Coordination	NPCC	PRC-019-2	R2	GO
Grid Transformation	NERC	PRC-024-3	R1	GO
Grid Transformation	NERC	PRC-024-3	R2	GO
Grid Transformation	NERC	PRC-024-4 (Effective 10/1/2026)	R1	GO
Grid Transformation	NERC	PRC-024-4 (Effective 10/1/2026)	R2	GO
Grid Transformation	NERC	PRC-027-1	R1	DP, GO, TO
Grid Transformation	NERC	PRC-027-1	R2	DP, GO, TO
Grid Transformation	NERC	PRC-027-1	R3	DP, GO, TO
Grid Transformation	NERC	TPL-001-5.1	R1	TP, PC
Grid Transformation	NERC	TPL-001-5.1	R2	TP, PC
Grid Transformation	NERC	TPL-001-5.1	R3	TP, PC
Grid Transformation	NERC	TPL-001-5.1	R4	TP, PC
Grid Transformation	NERC	TPL-001-5.1	R5	TP, PC
Grid Transformation	NERC	TPL-001-5.1	R6	TP, PC
Grid Transformation	NERC	TPL-001-5.1	R7	TP, PC