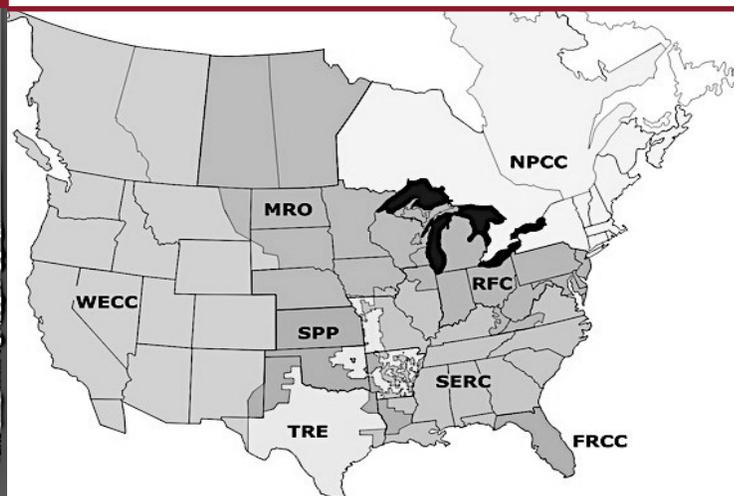
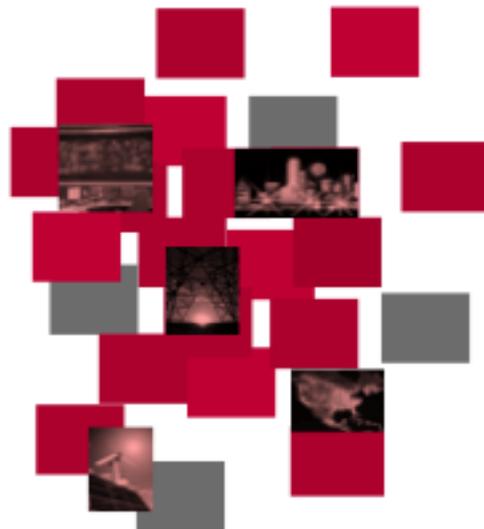


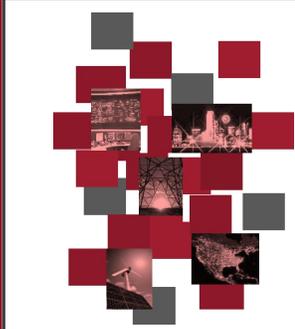
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# NERC 693 & CIP Audit Checkup



# Benchmarking the State of Your 693 and CIP Readiness Ensures No Surprises.



## ARE YOU READY?

If it has been three or more years since you have been involved in a NERC audit, you might consider:

- As NERC audits are performed infrequently, knowledge gaps often exist - especially for those without full-time, dedicated compliance and monitoring resources. Where are your gaps?
- Applicable reliability standards and requirements may have changed. Is your team prepared to meet new NERC auditing standards?
- Regional Entities are moving to non date-specific schedules. Also, auditors have differing approaches to interpretations of compliance across Regions. Who has this understanding and experience on your team?

**Ensuring a successful NERC Audit requires proactive planning, an informed team, time, and dedicated resources to ensure audit readiness.**

When you're close to things, it's sometimes hard to take that step back and assess compliance as an auditor would. Since auditors cannot tell you specifically what to present as evidence of compliance, more and more, Regional Entities and seasoned Compliance Managers are recommending third-party assessments of an Entity's Audit readiness.

**Certrec's Office of NERC Compliance offers a comprehensive NERC Audit Checkup that benchmarks your state of readiness for 693 and CIP audits.**

Our Audit Checkups are conducted by field experts with more than 25 years of regulatory compliance and audit experience with NERC and the NRC.

Their in-depth knowledge of NERC Standards and sub-requirements, audit procedures, compliance evidence, and regulator communications comes from serving leading Generation (GO/GOPs), Transmission Operators (TOPs), and Balancing Authorities (BAs) supporting Fossil, Wind, Hydro, Nuclear, and Renewable companies in all eight NERC Regions.

Our assessment teams include former plant operations and maintenance managers, compliance managers, and engineers - often acting as the Registered Entity's virtual Chief Compliance Officer for NERC internal compliance.

**Additionally, Certrec is an ISO 27001 certified organization** - ensuring that the security of each Registered Entities' data and documentation is addressed, implemented, and properly controlled in all areas of our organization.

Here's how we help ensure your readiness...

# Regional Entities will Audit up to 40% of Registered Entities in 2014

## Are you ready?

**NERC  
Audit  
Checkup**



“Our audit preparation required hundreds of hours, but we were not overwhelmed because of our early engagement and preparation by third-party experts, Certrec.”

- SH, Site Operations Manager, Southeastern GOP

Certrec’s NERC Audit Checkup benchmarks your state of readiness for 693 and CIP audits by examining the critical areas of:

### NERC Compliance Implementation

- Assessment of Management Support and Involvement
- Assessment of Employee Training

### 693 & CIP Standards and Requirements

- Assessment of compliance with Audit Scope standards and sub-requirements

### Policies and Procedures Compliance

- Assessment of written policies and procedures
- Assessment of documentation maintenance
- Assessment of effectiveness of Internal Controls

### Compliance Evidence

- Sampling of compliance evidence to ensure that it demonstrates that policies and procedures were followed
- Sampling the evidence for errors, omissions, and/or areas of possible non-compliance

Certrec’s NERC Audit Checkup employs NERC’s latest Actively Monitored List of Standards (AML), focusing on the most violated, most risk significant, and recently changed standards and requirements.

The NERC Audit Checkup also identifies audit vulnerabilities and provides recommended actions to ensure there are no audit surprises.

REQUIREMENT	X-REFERENCE Page #/Section #	COMMENTS	COMPLY		RECOMMENDATION
			Y	N	
<b>3.0 EVALUATION – ICP Elements</b> (NERC Internal Compliance Program)					
3.1	ICP Element 1: Does the company have a formal program for internal compliance?				
3.2	ICP Element 2: Is the ICP documented in policies and or procedures and widely disseminated?				



## What Regional Entities are saying about our Clients' Audit Readiness

"The Regional Entity Audit team identified and informed the Registered Entity of three Positive Observations:

1. Throughout the audit process, the Audit team observed that the Entity demonstrated company commitment to compliance culture.
2. The Entity's evidence and document organization was excellent, making evidence review and document tracking for the Audit team much more efficient. The preparation enabled the Audit team to complete the review for several standards prior to the audit.
3. The Entity was very responsive and timely regarding evidence requests."

## Regulatory Compliance Experts

Founded in 1988, Certrec is a regulatory compliance expert that helps utilities manage the regulatory process to their advantage. With more than 1000 cumulative years of regulatory and industry experience with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), and Regional Entities, Certrec's Office of NERC Compliance, Office of Licensing and Compliance, Office of Assessment and Recovery, and New Plant services are used by utilities throughout North America.

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