

North American Transmission Forum External Newsletter

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NATF Welcomes New Member

We are pleased to announce Pedernales Electric Cooperative (PEC) has joined the NATF. Click [here](#) to learn more about NATF membership.

NERC-NATF-EPRI Annual Transmission Planning and Modeling Seminar

The NATF, North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), and Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) conducted an annual transmission planning and modeling seminar on November 19–20, 2024. This virtual event focused on transmission planning and resilience, planning with power electronics, regulatory updates, inverter-based resource modeling, and large loads. The event was well attended, with 585 participants on day 1 and 544 participants on day 2. Materials (for [day 1](#) and [day 2](#)) are posted on NERC's website.

NATF Criteria and Questionnaire Revision Process Underway

As a reminder, the annual revision process for the *NATF Supply Chain Security Criteria* and the *Energy Sector Supply Chain Risk Questionnaire* is underway. The revision process, the criteria, and the questionnaire are posted on the NATF's public [Supply Chain Industry Coordination](#) site. The process is open to industry, suppliers, regulators, and other stakeholders to provide the opportunity for input.

These tools are useful for risk management and compliance efforts. Both the criteria and the questionnaire are incorporated into the ERO Enterprise-endorsed implementation guidance documents for CIP-013 (available on the NERC website and the NATF public website). These implementation guidance documents support using the criteria and questionnaire in a risk-based manner, where the entity determines which criteria or questions apply for a procurement.

- [NATF CIP-013 Implementation Guidance: Using Independent Assessments of Vendors](#)
- [NATF CIP-013 Implementation Guidance: Supply Chain Risk Management Plans](#)

Input on the criteria and questionnaire can be submitted to supplychain@natf.net **until close of business on January 31** for consideration in the 2025 review cycle. Revisions will be posted in redline format on March 7 for a 30-day comment period.

Tom Galloway Participates on UTC Podcast

Tom Galloway (NATF CEO) and was a recent guest on the Utilities Technology Council (UTC) podcast, *The Intersection*. Tom and Rusty Williams (UTC CEO) discussed the critical role of collaboration in addressing challenges faced by the electric transmission sector and the growing need for resilient communication systems. The episode highlights the value of joint initiatives, cross-industry partnerships, and proactive learning. You can listen to the episode [here](#).

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