

# North American Transmission Forum External Newsletter

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## New Video Highlights NATF RESTORE Program (Equipment Sharing) Benefits

The NATF has posted a new video highlighting the benefits of the RESTORE Program (see the linked image below and the bottom of our [Programs](#) page).

RESTORE, or Regional Equipment Sharing for Transmission Outage Restoration, is designed to enhance grid resilience and reliability by identifying sources and facilitating replacement of equipment following disastrous events. This optional, self-funded program is available to any transmission-owning NATF member.

Participation in the RESTORE Program can be a key component of a member's overall resilience program and spare equipment strategy to enhance its ability to recover from an event with significant transformer damage.



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## NATF-EPRI-NERC Transmission Resilience Summit

The North American Transmission Forum (NATF), Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), and North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) held a transmission resilience summit on May 17 in Tempe, Arizona, hosted by Salt River Project.

The summit theme was climate resilience, with topics focused on lessons learned from past extreme weather events, planning and preparing for future events, emerging technologies, and examples of how resilience is a team sport.

Former FERC Commissioner Colette Honorable provided a virtual keynote address highlighting the significance of electric system resilience and stressing the important role served by the attendees. Former FEMA Administrator Brock Long spoke about the importance of advanced coordination and collaboration by utilities

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with customers, regulators, first responders, and local government prior to a resilience event and the importance of continuity of communications for effective restoration.

NATF CEO Tom Galloway commented, “We’ve done over a dozen resilience summits and this was the best. We had great speakers and an engaged audience, and it was obvious tremendous progress has been made. But it’s clear that resilience challenges have increased, and the industry must continue to collaborate and persevere.”

[Meeting materials](#) from the summit are posted on the NATF website.



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## NATF Supply Chain Criteria and Risk Questionnaire Updated for Industry

Updated *NATF Supply Chain Security Criteria* and *Energy Sector Supply Chain Risk Questionnaire* (version 4.0) documents have been posted for industry use on the [Supply Chain Cyber Security Industry Coordination](#) page of the NATF public website. The “Version History” link includes all prior versions and redlines of the NATF criteria and risk questionnaire.

The updates were reviewed and accepted by the ERO Enterprise to ensure its continued endorsement of the two NATF CIP-013 Implementation Guidance documents: *NATF CIP-013 Implementation Guidance: Independence Assessments of Vendors* and *NATF CIP-013 Implementation Guidance: Supply Chain Risk Management Plans*.

Revisions for the 2023 annual cycle include a new detailed change log for the NATF criteria and risk questionnaire. In particular, the security frameworks identified in the NATF criteria were revised and one new supplier criteria was added. The questionnaire is now available in one format merging the previous unformatted, formatted, and scorable options. Other minor changes include additional notes, references, and terminology updates to provide clarity.

Industry and supplier convergence on the use of the NATF criteria and risk questionnaire provides a streamlined, effective, and efficient industry-accepted approach for entities to assess supplier security practices, which, if adopted widely, will reduce the burden on suppliers, provide entities with more information, improve supply chain security, and (when executed and documented appropriately) assist entities with compliance.

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## Redacted Operating Experience Reports

We recently posted a new operating experience report to the “[Documents](#)” section of our public site for members and other utilities to use internally and share with their contractors to help improve safety, reliability, and resilience.

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