

## Regional Program Information Background

The NERC Rules of Procedure allow some flexibility for Regional Entities when designing and implementing certain procedures. These differences should not be a material impact to ERO Enterprise programs and support the fair and reasonable treatment of Registered Entities. However, these differences may raise consistency concerns by Registered Entities who operate in multiple Regions or, for example, have opted to be a part of the Coordinate Oversight program.

To help Registered Entities understand where these differences exist and to increase overall transparency across the ERO Enterprise, NERC, with the support of the Regions, has developed a Regional Program Information document. The Regional Program Information highlights where differences in approaches do exist recognizing that:

- Regional processes exist (around programs such as the Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement (CMEP) implementation and the Organization Registration and Certification (ORCP) program). The ERO Enterprise gathered and consolidated information around regional processes for CMEP implementation.
- The Regional Program Information Matrix is not intended to capture all regional processes, interactions, and timing that may occur during for all program activities, nor does it intend to require Regional Entities to follow the exact processes or targets outlined. The Regional Program Information Matrix provides general information regarding each Regional Entity's process and timing around key program activities. As a reminder, NERC Rules of Procedure and ERO Enterprise guidance are the governing documents.
- Consistency is important to the ERO Enterprise and aims to keep “the approach, methods, and practices...the same across the ERO Enterprise and that the outcomes ... fair, reasonable, and without bias.”