



## MRO Publishes 2021 Regional Risk Assessment

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**Saint Paul, MN.** Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO) is pleased to release its 2021 Regional Risk Assessment (RRA). The RRA reflects the collaborative work of MRO staff and industry subject matter experts to identify risks to the reliable and secure operations of the bulk power system within MRO's regional footprint. A new feature of this year's RRA is analysis of both the impact and likelihood of each of the risks identified, allowing both reliability and security risks to be reflected on a single heat map for prioritization. "In my 9 years of working across the ERO Enterprise to assess and mitigate risk, this is the first time I've seen discrete security risks compared with reliability risks, as opposed to security risk being considered as a whole in the top-right quadrant of the heat map. I'm excited to see how this new capability allows us to better focus resources across MRO's operations, and the input it will provide to our revised Strategic Plan that will be developed later this year," said Richard Burt, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

The RRA also identifies which risks highlighted in the ERO-wide CMEP Implementation Plan should be the focus of MRO's compliance monitoring and enforcement activities. To the extent possible, recommendations and suggestions are presented in the assessment to help registered entities become more aware of and reduce risk to their individual systems.

This [2021 Regional Risk Assessment](#) is part of an ongoing effort to ensure the region is properly focused on monitoring and mitigating the greatest risks to reliability and security of the bulk power system.

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*Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO) is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring the reliability and security of the bulk power system in the central region of North America, including parts of both the United States and Canada. MRO is one of six regional entities in North America operating under authority from regulators in the United States through a delegation agreement with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and in Canada under similar arrangements. The primary focus of MRO is developing and ensuring compliance with reliability standards and assessing the grid's ability to meet the demands for electricity.*