



## MRO Releases 2020 Regional Winter Assessment

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**SAINT PAUL, MINN.** Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO) is pleased to announce the release of its first [2020 Regional Winter Assessment](#). The assessment identifies challenges and potential reliability risks to the reliable and secure operations of the bulk power system within MRO's regional footprint for the upcoming winter season. It includes an evaluation of generation and transmission system adequacy that is necessary to meet projected winter peak demands in 2020-2021, and provides historical performance analysis data on regional system performance to identify trends most impactful to system reliability during the winter months.

The 2020 Regional Winter Assessment finds anticipated resources for the upcoming winter season meet or exceed planning reserve margin levels for Manitoba Hydro, Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Saskatchewan Power Corporation, and Southwest Power Pool.

MRO staff performs this winter assessment each year in coordination with NERC staff. The assessment provides an independent evaluation of recent operating history and performance analysis specific to the MRO region, with a focus on the previous season to identify any possible reliability issues or trends, as well as evaluating resource and transmission system adequacy for the upcoming season. The assessment is also a key input to MRO's annual Regional Risk Assessment.

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