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Align Updates

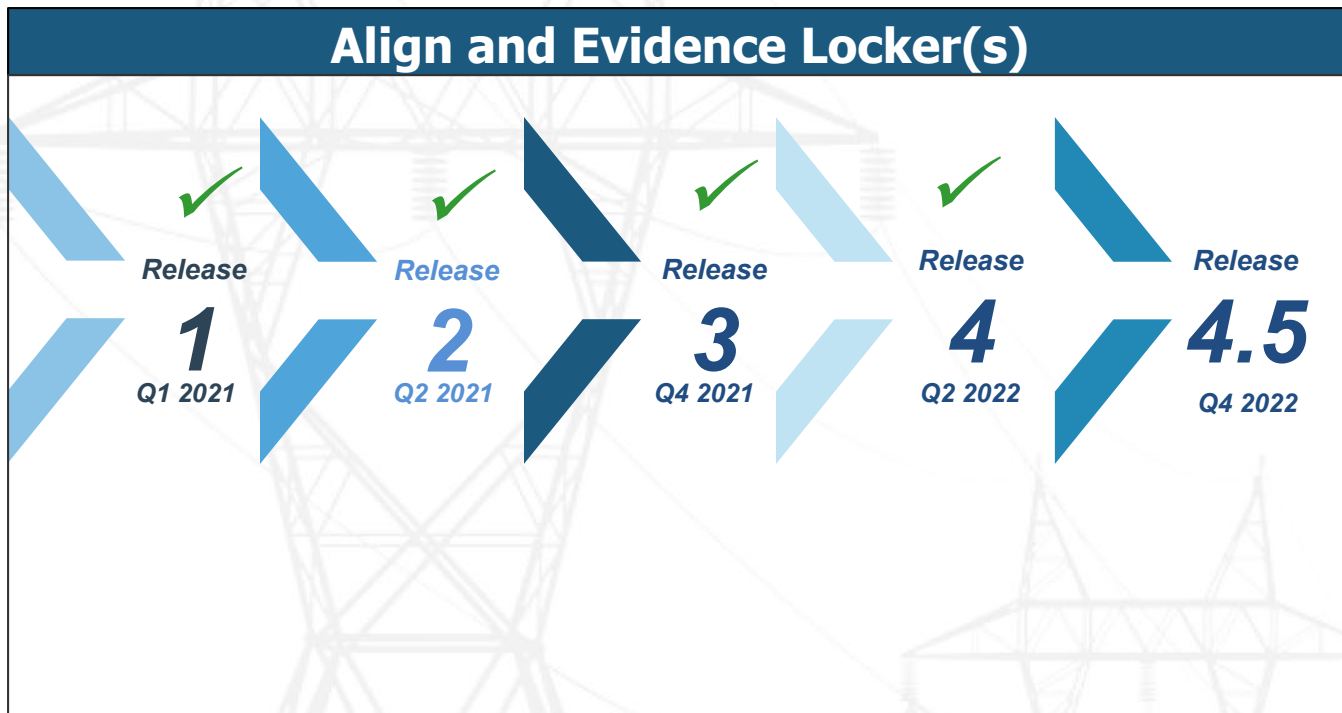
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Align Release Overview



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Align Release 4/4.5: What to Expect As a Registered Entity

Stakeholder Group

Registered Entities



Functionality

- Enhanced Audit and Scheduling functionalities
- Compliance Planning (Inherent Risk Assessment (IRA), and Compliance Oversight Plan (COP))
- Expand Requests for Information (RFIs) for Compliance Planning



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Canadian Update

- **Draft project schedules have been created to implement all provinces with base functionality**
- **MRO Provinces: planned go-live October 2022**



Secure Evidence Locker

- CIP-014 evidence submitted via ERO SEL
- Do not include sensitive information in the file name as this will be included in the manifest that is emailed to the submitter
- ERO SEL extended hours

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Periodic Data Submittals

Self-Certifications

- **Respond to Questions**

- Need to assign questions
- Click to respond

- **Attestations**

- One attestation submitted per NCR, region, function
- Refresh to see completed attestation(s)

- **Submit**

- With data
- Without data



Mitigation Management

- **Entity is responsible for submitting the mitigation record in Align**
- **PNC records and Mitigation records are linked but separate records in Align**
 - Must create mitigation milestones within the mitigation record and submit the record to the CEA for RAM to review
 - Mitigation record must be completed before the finding can be fully processed in Align



Contacts vs Users

Contacts

- **Primary Compliance Contact (PCC)**
 - Only contact role that receives automatic user permissions
- **Alternate Compliance Contact (ACC)**
- **Primary Compliance Officer (PCO)**
- **Entity Admin**

Users

- **Align Submitter**
 - Includes ERO SEL Submitter
- **Align Editor**
- **Align Reader**



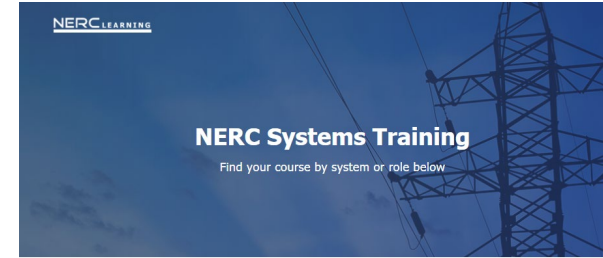
Align Contacts and Users

- Entity is responsible for updating in both webCDMS and CORES
- Updating Contacts in CORES
 - Video 13 Contact Roles
<https://training.nerc.net/Home/ViewApplicationVideos?system=CORES&role=Registered%20Entities>
- Updating user permissions in CORES
 - https://trn.nerc.com/User%20Guide/RE_TTT_User_Access.pdf
- Permissions may take up to 24 hours to activate






Training and Resources

- [MRO Align website](#)
- [NERC Training Videos](#)
- General Questions for MRO
 - align@mro.net
- Enhancement Suggestions to NERC
 - askalign@nerc.net



NERC TRAINING COURSES
What system do you want to learn today?

 Align Align is the ERO's tool for processing and tracking all compliance monitoring and enforcement activities. Select Role	 CORES CORES is the ERO's tool for submitting a new entity registration request and managing your entity's registration information. Select Role	 GADS Wind This course includes GADS Wind introductory training as well as FAQs answered by GADS Wind guru, Fred Beasom. Select Role
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