

MRO RAC 2024 Work Plan

Colun	Work Item	Source	Activity	Timing	Responsible Party	Item Audience	Item Type	Status	Notes
1	Support outreach and awareness	RAC Charter/MRO Strategic Priority 3	Conduct a minimum of 2 webinars/outreach in 2024 to address the high risks identified in the Regional Risk Assessment. This includes the Annual Reliability Conference, webinars, lessons learned, newsletter articles, and suporting Standard Application Guides.	Periodically	RAC Members	ogoc	Work Plan	Open	The 2024 Reliability Conference is scheduled for May 15, 2024 in St. Paul, MN at the MRO office. A planning subgroup of RAC members will be formed to develop topics and speakers. To the extent possible, the Reliability Conference topics will address the top RRA risks. The council will also be holding their annual Cold Weather Preparedness Workshop in Q4 and a Long-Term Reliability Assessment Webinar in January of 2024.
2	Conduct Reliability Standard Reviews	RAC Charter/MRO Strategic Priority 3	Regular interface with other councils (CMEPAC and SAC) as it relates to standard development or standard application guidance. Work to identify NERC Standards projects to follow that are Operational and Planning focused.	Periodically	RAC Members	OGOC	Work Plan	Open	The RAC will continue to attend NSRF meetings periodically in 2024 with an assigned member as well as look at opportunities to provide guidance for standards relevant to operations and planning. In Q4 of 2024 MRO is planning to host a joint collaboration meeting similar to the previous year where the RAC, CMEPAC and SAC will all meet together.
3	Review significant events or disturbances on the BES	RAC Charter/MRO Strategic Priority 3	Review of significant BES events and any resulting reports within the MRO Region and outside the region as relevant.	Periodically	RAC Members	OGOC	Work Plan	Open	The RAC will review any significant events or disturbances (preferably a category 2 or above defined in the ERO Event Analysis Process Document) with a focus on the MRO region from a specific entity at quarterly meetings as necessary.
4	Support the development of the MRO Regional Risk Assessment		Support the development of the annual MRO Regional Risk Assessment by identifying risks, trends and mitigating activities. Use the Risk Matrix tool to assess, quantify, and prioritize reliability risks. This also includes continuous improvement efforts regarding the Reliability Risk Matrix tool.	Periodically	RAC Members	ogoc	Work Plan	Open	MRO Staff and MRO RAC Members will discuss and prioritize potential regional risks annually to support the development of the MRO RRA. The RAC will also provide two resources to support MRO staff in ranking risks for the 2025 RRA utilizing the Reliability Risk Matrix.
5	Support Regional representation on NERC organizational groups	RAC Charter	Review NERC Representative reports and provide guidance and feedback to the representatives. The RAC will continue to evaluate the need to follow specific NERC groups with representatives as the RSTC makes changes to the working group structure.	Periodically	RAC Members	OGOC	Work Plan	Open	MRO Staff and MRO RAC Members will look into any new working groups formed as well as existing working groups to determine the need to follow them. In 2024 the RAC will revisit the small teams initiative that was established to focus on each of the five NERC groups and help promote engagment with the NERC Representative to potentially create more outreach opportunities.
6	Review the summary of misoperations across the MRO Region (prepared by MRO staff)	PRS Charter	The Protective Relay Subgroup (PRS) will review misoperations across the region to ensure that misoperations are effectively identified and mitigated.	Periodically	PRS Members	ogoc	Work Plan	Open	The PRS will look into potential lessons learned and targeted outreach for any misoperations. The group will also focus on regional misoperations during the quarterly meetings in a closed session where members perform an in-depth analysis in small breakout groups.
7	Support the Interregional Transfer Capability Study (ITCS)	RAC Charter	Interregional Transfer Capability Study Outreach, review as needed.	Periodically	MRO Staff	OGOC	Work Plan	Open	This study is a directive from the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 and must be filed with FERC by December 2, 2024. The RAC should receive quarterly updates on this initiative and look for opportunities to provide input to the study as subject matter experts of the MRO region.