

Meeting Agenda

Reliability Advisory Council (RAC)

Wednesday, October 2, 2024
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Central Time

Hybrid Meeting

MRO Corporate Offices, St. Paul, MN, and Webex



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MRO RELIABILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Lunch – 12:00 p.m.

Agenda Item

1	Call to Order and Determination of Quorum <i>Ian Anderson, SAC Chair</i> <i>Gayle Nansel, RAC Chair</i> <i>Terri Pyle, CMEPAC Chair</i>
2	Standards of Conduct and Antitrust Guidelines <i>Steen Fjalstad, Director of Security, MRO</i>
3	Safety Briefing <i>Shawn Keller, Outreach Coordinator, MRO</i>
4	2025 Regional Risk Assessment Preview <i>Mark Tiemeier, Director of Power System Risk Management, MRO</i>
5	2024 Council Work Plans Overview and Draft 2025 Work Plans <i>Steen Fjalstad, Director of Security, MRO</i> <i>Bryan Clark, Director of Reliability Analysis, MRO</i> <i>Mark Flanary, Director of RAM, MRO</i>
6	2025 Joint Council Conference <i>Cris Zimmerman, Manager of Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement, MRO</i>

Break – 2:30 p.m.

7	Review Council Charters <i>Mark Flanary, Director of RAM, MRO</i>
8	Brainstorming Session <i>Tasha Ward, Director of Enforcement and External Affairs</i>
9	Other Business and Adjourn <i>Ian Anderson, SAC Chair</i> <i>Gayle Nansel, RAC Chair</i> <i>Terri Pyle, CMEPAC Chair</i>

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MRO ORGANIZATIONAL GROUP GUIDING PRINCIPLES

These MRO Organizational Group Guiding Principles complement charters. When the Principles are employed by members, they will support the overall purpose of the organizational groups.

Organizational Group Members should:

1. Regularly attend meetings of the group(s) on which the member serves.
2. Competently prepare for, and be an active participant in, the meetings for the group(s) on which the member serves.
3. Collaborate with other organizational group members in support of the mission, vision, and strategic initiatives of MRO.
4. Support the Highly Effective Reliability Organization (HERO™) principles.

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum
Gayle Nansel, RAC Chair

A current roster for the Reliability Advisory Council is posted on MRO's public website [here](#).

Standards of Conduct and Antitrust Guidelines

Steen Fjalstad, Director of Security, MRO

Standards of Conduct Reminder:

Standards of Conduct prohibit MRO staff, committee, subcommittee, and task force members from sharing non-public transmission sensitive information with anyone who is either an affiliate merchant or could be a conduit of information to an affiliate merchant.

Antitrust Reminder:

Participants in Midwest Reliability Organization meeting activities must refrain from the following when acting in their capacity as participants in Midwest Reliability Organization activities (i.e., meetings, conference calls, and informal discussions):

- Discussions involving pricing information; and
- Discussions of a participant's marketing strategies; and
- Discussions regarding how customers and geographical areas are to be divided among competitors; and
- Discussions concerning the exclusion of competitors from markets; and
- Discussions concerning boycotting or group refusals to deal with competitors, vendors, or suppliers.

Safety Briefing Video
Shawn Keller, Outreach Coordinator, MRO

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Report

A short video highlighting in-person meeting safety logistics will be played at the meeting.

2025 Regional Risk Assessment Preview
Mark Tiemeier, Director of Power System Risk Management, MRO

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Report

Mark Tiemeier will provide an oral report during the meeting.

2024 Council Work Plans Overview and Draft 2025 Work Plans

Steen Fjalstad, Director of Security, MRO

Bryan Clark, Director of Reliability Analysis, MRO

Mark Flanary, Director of RAM, MRO

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Report

The MRO Advisory Council Liaisons will lead this discussion during the meeting.



MRO SAC 2024 Work Plan

#	Work Item	Sourc	Activity	Timing	Responsible	Item A	Item Type	Status	Notes
1	Newsletter Articles	Charter	Draft Newsletter Articles for publication in Midwest Reliability Matters	Periodically	SAC Members	OGOC	Work Plan	In-Progress	MRO SAC will author at least 2 articles in 2024. 7/31/2024 - MRO Staff published a newsletter article promoting the threat call, the SACTF, and the SAC.
2	Webinars	Charter	Host Webinars for registered entities to increase security and decrease risk to the reliable and secure operations of the bulk power system	Periodically	SAC Members	OGOC	Work Plan	In-Progress	MRO SAC will host at least 1 webinar in 2024. 2/12/2024 - defense against ransomware webinar held on 2/29/2024. 8/5/2024 - Chair Anderson and Shawn Keller have a webinar in progress on PEN Testing
3	Security Conference	Charter	MRO Security Conference (1/2 Day)	Qtr. 4	SAC Members	OGOC	Work Plan	Complete	Oct 1-2, 2024 - completed.
4	Security Conference	Charter	MRO Security Training (1/2 Day)	Qtr. 4	SAC Members	OGOC	Work Plan	Complete	Oct 1-2, 2024 - completed.
5	Regional Security Risk Assessment	Charter	Continue the work of the 2023 Regional Security Risk Assessment through an updated survey, risk discussion meetings, and an updated report.	Qtr. 1-3	Clayton Whitacre	OGOC	Work Plan	Complete	Completed and provided to RRA process.
6	Stakeholder Survey	Charter	Survey stakeholders to determine effectiveness of SAC outreach.	Qtr. 4	Patrick Glunz, Steen Fjalstad, Margaret Eastman	OGOC	Work Plan	In-Progress	SAC members will work with MRO staff to administer a survey on the effectiveness of SAC outreach. 8/5/2024 - review 2023 survey; send out during Q4 2024.
7	Risk Assessment Support for RRA	Charter	Identify two SAC members to support MRO supporting risk ranking of items on a heat map. Expected workload 20-40 hours in the Fall.	Qtr. 3	Clayton Whitacre, Daniel Graham	OGOC	Work Plan	Complete	Complete and attended listening and ranking meetings in Sept 2024.
8	Grid Security Conference	Charter	Provide panel talk at Grid Security Conference (GridSecCon)	Qtr. 4	Patrick Glunz	OGOC	Work Plan	Complete	8/5/2024 - panel was submitted but not selected. MRO was selected to present RRA and will include representation perspectives received from the SAC as SAC participated.

2025 Joint Council Conference

Cris Zimmerman, Manager of Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement, MRO

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Cris Zimmerman will provide an oral report during the meeting.



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2025 Reliability, Security, Compliance Summit & Q2 Council Meetings

May 13th - 15th Omni Hotel & Event Center
Oklahoma City, OK

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2025 Reliability, Security, Compliance Summit OKC

- **May 13th -14th Joint Conference Omni Hotel**
- **May 13th Welcome Reception**
- **May 15th RAC, SAC & CMEPAC hold individual council meetings at Omni Hotel**
- **Joint Summit focus on top 3 high level risks areas**
- **High level agenda & ‘Save the Date’ for end of Nov**



Review Council Charters
Mark Flanary, Director of RAM, MRO

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Mark Flanary will lead this discussion during the meeting.

Brainstorming Session

Tasha Ward, Director of Enforcement and External Affairs

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Discussion

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Tasha Ward will facilitate this brainstorming discussion on recruitment, involvement, and retention of Council members during the meeting.

Other Business and Adjourn

Ian Anderson, SAC Chair

Gayle Nansel, RAC Chair

Terri Pyle, CMEPAC Chair

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Discussion

Report

The Advisory Council Chairs will lead this discussion during the meeting.