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Align Project Update

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CLARITY

ASSURANCE

RESULTS

What Can MRO's U.S. Registered Entities Do in Align Today?

● Release 1 (March 31, 2021)

- Self-Reports
- Self-Logs
- Mitigating Activities and Mitigation Plans
- Open Enforcement Actions

● Release 2

- Technical Feasibility Exceptions (July 1, 2021)
- Entity created (event driven) Periodic Data Submittals (July 1, 2021)
- Region initiated PDS (October 1, 2021)
- Self-Certifications (October 1, 2021)



Release 2 Functionality for Registered Entities

- Create and manage Technical Feasibility Exceptions (TFE)
- Create and submit event driven Periodic Data Submittals (PDS)
- Receive and respond to region initiated PDS
- Receive and respond to Self-Certifications
- Create and manage attestations for PDSs and Self-Certifications

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Release 2 Training

- September 8, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Central
 - Pre-requisite: Review Release 2 training videos:
<https://training.nerc.net/home>
 - Bring any questions from these videos to training
 - Registration Open:
<https://midwestreliability.webex.com/midwestreliability/onstage/g.php?MTID=e971f539dcca75bf8506f507fbdef65c7>
 - This event will be recorded and made available at a later date

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Secure Evidence Locker

- All registered entity-provided evidence, unless prohibited by a standard, will go into the registered entity or ERO Enterprise Secure Evidence Locker (ERO SEL)
 - For all functionality live in Align
- All registered entity lockers must meet ERO Enterprise SEL Functional Requirements
 - <https://www.nerc.com/ResourceCenter/Pages/CMEPTechnologyProject.aspx>

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What is Next?

● Release 3 (Q4 2021)

- Compliance Planning (i.e., Risk, CMEP Implementation Plan, Inherent Risk Assessment, Internal Controls Evaluation, Compliance Oversight Plan)
- Compliance Audits
- Spot Checks
- Compliance Investigations
- Complaints
- Expand use of Evidence Lockers to include evidence submitted for these activities

● Canadian Entities targeted to join Align 2022



Align Project Page/Questions

- There are answers to more than 300 questions posted on the [Align Project FAQ page](#)
 - You can search by topic using the search feature
- User Guides, Start-Stop-Continue Guides, Training videos: <https://training.nerc.net/home>
- MRO Align Page : <https://mro.net/Pages/Align.aspx>
- Submit questions to AskAlign@nerc.net or to your MRO Align Change Agents, Marissa Falco and Desirée Sawyer align@mro.net





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