

## Align and ERO SEL are Now Live!

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**SAINT PAUL, MN.** We are excited to announce the Release 1 launch of the Align tool and the ERO Secure Evidence Locker (SEL) for MRO, NERC, and Texas RE as of March 31, 2021. Align and the ERO SEL are designed to process and track all compliance monitoring and enforcement activities with the goal of improving security and standardizing processes.

All registered entity staff seeking to access Align must register for an [ERO Portal](#) account. Each registered entity's Primary Compliance Contact (PCC) is responsible for approving access requests for their respective entity via the ERO Portal. If you have questions or problems concerning your ERO Portal account, please submit a support ticket [here](#).

**Entities participating in the coordinated oversight program will go-live per the schedule of the assigned Lead Regional Entity (LRE).**

This initial launch marks an important milestone for the Align project, and the ERO will continue Release 1 deployment across the remaining Regional Entities between now and May 24, 2021.

Effective immediately, the functionalities listed below should be used in Align and the ERO SEL. However, the legacy application (webCDMS) should be used to continue processing any open findings already being processed. Please refer to the [Registered Entity Start, Stop, Continue Guide](#) for more details.

### **Release 1 Functionality Overview for Registered Entity Staff**

- Create and submit Self-Reports and Self-Logs
- Create and manage mitigating activities and Mitigation Plans
- Generate a report of standards and requirements applicable to your entity
- Receive notifications and view dashboards on open/action items
- Manage user access for your specific entity via the ERO Portal
- Receive and respond to Requests for Information
- View and track Open Enforcement Actions
- Submit evidence supporting the above processes via the ERO SEL

Please visit the [NERC Training Site](#) for access to all Align and ERO SEL training materials, including training videos and user guides. Reach out to your Regional Training Leads, Ryan McNamara and Michael Spangenberg at [align@mro.net](mailto:align@mro.net), with any Align and ERO SEL-related access or training questions.

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*States through a delegation agreement with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and in Canada under similar arrangements. The primary focus of MRO is developing and ensuring compliance with reliability standards and assessing the grid's ability to meet the demands for electricity.*



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