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Welcome to Align. Along with the Align <u>instructional videos</u>, this user guide will help you navigate through all of the features included in release 1. Click on a topic in the list below or in the ribbon above to begin.

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The focus of release 1 is the life cycles of Self-Logs and Self-Reports, but there are interim ways to handle other kinds of findings as well; at a very high level the scope looks something like the model on the right.



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In order to access Align, you will need an ERO Portal account. If you do not have an account, you can register for one at <u>https://eroportal.nerc.net</u>.

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From the ERO Portal, select Request Application Access from the My Applications dropdown

- Click the **Create New Application Access Request** button
- Select your entity

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Select the role that you need from the **Requested Application Role** dropdown:

*Editor* (able to create/edit findings) *Reader* (able to read findings) *Submitter* (able to create/edit/submit findings)



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Notice the two sections:

a) My Tasks b) Status of My Findings

To open a task, click the Unique ID



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The Align Dashboard provides a snapshot of your current tasks, but you'll need to change views to access other important information and actions.

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Click the dropdown arrow at the top of the screen



Click on **the view** that you need to see

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To create a **finding** in Align, navigate to the Compliance Monitoring View

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Select the **Compliance Monitoring** view

3 Click Create Finding



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Review the relevant Standard and create a new finding

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Click on a **Standard & Requirement** to review

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Click + in the "Create Self-Report" or "Create Self-Log" column

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Ensure the **Requirement Parts** and **Reliability Functions** are applicable for the Self-Report.

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Remove any Parts or Functions that do not apply.



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Click X to remove Applicable Parts



Click X to remove any Reliability Functions



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Add any **Applicable Parts** and **Functions** not included.

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Click the Arrow to open the drop-down list



Select the Part from the list



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Select additional **Regions** to add to the finding, if necessary.



Click the **Arrow** to open the drop-down list

Select the Region from the list

You can Save the finding as a draft at any time. To save:



Click the Save button

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Click the X to close the Standards window

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Click the **Refresh Icon** to see your new draft in the **Draft Findings** section

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Click the **Unique ID** to open your finding

As you fill out the rest of the form, notice that some fields have a gray **question mark icon** (a). Hover over these to see a description of what information the field is requesting.



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## To complete the **Risk and Impact** section:



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Indicate the level of Potential Impact to the BPS as Minimal, **Moderate, or Serious** 



Enter the reason you chose the Potential Impact level you selected



Describe how likely it is that impact could have occurred



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Indicate if there was any actual impact to the BPS: Yes, No, or Unknown



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Scroll to the optional Additional Comments section

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Enter any Additional Comments that you want to document

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Enter any related evidence in the **evidence locker** using the reference number (a) to link it to this finding.



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Every finding will need to be paired with a mitigation record eventually, but the Mitigation Information section is optional at this stage

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When you're ready to submit the finding, select **Submit** for the action

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If you added Mitigation Information and want to submit it, click the Submit Mitigations for Review with Finding checkbox

Click the Save and Action button



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From the Dashboard, click the dropdown Arrow to change the view

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2 Select the Enforcement Processing view

You can sort or filter the 'My Findings' table by any column to help you locate the finding you are looking for:

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To sort, hover over a column title and click the dropdown arrow



Click the **Sort Ascending** or **Sort Descending** option to rearrange the table by the data in that column

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Depending on what you are looking for, Filters may be more effective than sorting. To filter:

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Hover over the column title of the column you want to filter and click the dropdown arrow

Select the Filters option

Enter part or all of the Standard that you are looking for

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To remove the filter, click the checkbox next to the Filters option



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*If you want to verify that your update was captured:* 

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Click the Unique ID of the finding you updated

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Scroll down to the **Related Fields** section and click on the Unique ID under the **Submitted FInding Updates** section



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When your CEA or NERC sends an RFI, you'll see it appear on your dashboard.

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Click the **Respondent Contact** dropdown and select the appropriate name.

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Enter the **Respondent** 

*If the response to the RFI* requires the uploading of documents, follow the instructions in the **Evidence** and Attachments section.



Click the Save and Action button to submit to the CEA.

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If you did not create and submit mitigation milestones during the submit finding process, Align will automatically create a blank draft mitigation record that can be submitted later. If mitigation was submitted to the CEA, you will find the submitted mitigation id under the My Active Mitigations tab

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Click the dropdown arrow to change views

- Select the Mitigation Management view

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Select the My Draft Mitigations tab

Locate the mitigation with the same Unique ID as your finding and click the Unique ID to open



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Mitigation Plan	2020-00121 RF	TEST00200 - TES	T00200-RF in RF	PRC-005-6	R3.	RF-US	04/02/2020	The <b>Draft Mitigations</b> screen shows you all you draft Mitigating Activities, as well as those that
Mitigation Plan	2020-00120 RF	TEST00200 - TES	T00200-RF in RF	PRC-005-6	R3.	RF-US	05/01/2020	have been returned to you for more work or converted to a Mitigation Plan (both indicated with a wollow transle). The Active Mitigations account
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## 2020-00281 **General Information** Click the link icon in the 5 Related PNC 2020-00281 CEA MRO Туре Mitigating Activities Entity Contact section Registration NCR99999999 - Second Game Day Friday Entity in MRO Applicable Requirement CIP-007-6 R3 Registered Entity Contact Please provide a point of contact for this mitigation. 5 Click the checkbox next to Applicable Part(s) CIP-007-6 R3. Part 2.; CIP-007-6 R3. Part 1.; CIP-6 FIRST NAME LAST NAME R3. Part 3. the correct contact Applicable Reliability RC This table is empty Function(s) MRO-US Region-Jurisdiction(s) in which the Potential Relate Existing Noncompliance occurred Click Confirm Root Cause Not available; PNC Review not yet com FIRST NAME LAST NAME LABEL Interim Risk Reduction V NCR9999999 Editor 1 NCR9999999 Editor 1 b **Mitigation Milestones** MILESTONE ID TYPE OF MILESTONE TASK +35 Instructions When ready for Region Review and Ap Save and Action Save Clos

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If you are ready to submit the mitigating activities, click the Save and Action button



If you want to save the data you have entered without submitting, click the Save button



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Once you submit a mitigation, it will move from the **My Draft Mitigations** tab to the **My Active Mitigations** tab. It will then proceed through the following stages:

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**1) CEA Processing** - This status indicates that the CEA is reviewing the mitigation that you submitted. You may receive RFIs during this stage to help the CEA complete its review.

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2) NERC Processing - If your CEA converts your mitigating activities to a Mitigation Plan, it will undergo NERC review after you re-submit it. You may receive RFIs during this stage from NERC.

3) Active - Once your mitigation is approved, it will show as Active. While in this stage, you can complete milestones and add scope expansion, but if you need to edit anything else, you will need to have your CEA send it back for a revision. 4) Verification - Once you complete all milestones, you will submit the mitigation for verification by the CEA. The status will change to Verification and the mitigation will no longer be editable. You may receive RFIs during this stage as well.

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**5)** Incomplete - If your mitigation does not pass verification, your CEA will send it back as 'Incomplete.' Unlike other revisions, this will show up on 'My Active Mitigations' tab rather than in your 'My Draft Mitigations' tab.

**6) Complete** - Once a mitigation has been verified, its status will change to Complete and will stay on the 'My Active Mitigations' tab for reference.



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*To request a mitigation milestone extension:* 

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Navigate to your My Active Mitigations

2 Click on the relevant mitigation record to highlight it (do not click the Unique ID)

Click the + button in the 'Request Extension' column for the milestone you need to extend

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Mitigation Plan	2020-00083	MRO	NCR99999999 - Second Game Day Friday Entity in MRO	05/21/2020		CIP-003-7	R3.	MRO-US	05/03/2020	NERC Processing Due 06/21/2020	
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As you complete mitigation *milestones, you'll need to indicate* completion date in Alian

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*If your mitigation expands the scope of the issue:* 

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Select Yes from the scope expansion dropdown

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2 Enter an **Explanation** for why the scope has expanded

Once you have completed your mitigation milestones and noted any scope expansion, you'll submit the mitigation to your CEA for verification:

3 Select Submit for CEA Verification from the Action dropdown

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*If your CEA consolidates more than* one of your findings under the same Enforcement Action, only one of the mitigations associated with those findings will stay active. The rest will move to the **Consolidated** Mitigations tab.

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Click the Unique ID of any consolidated mitigation to review

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All consolidated mitigations are read-only, so you cannot edit anything at this point. However, Align preserves the mitigation in case you need to copy any information from the consolidated mitigation into the active mitigation

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If you need to add information from a consolidated mitigation to an active one, your CEA will need to send the active mitigation back to you as a revision. Like all revisions, the mitigation will appear on your **My Draft Mitigations** with the yellow triangle icon.

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Click the Unique ID to open the mitigation record

Add any information that was on the consolidated mitigations but not on the active mitigation

3 Select Submit for CEA Review from the Action dropdown

**Click Save and Action** 

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