



Public Workshop on Safety Requirements to Address Increasing Wildfire Risk from Climate Change and Aging Infrastructure

EVENT DETAILS AND AGENDA

The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) will hold a two-day virtual public workshop on July 13 and July 14, 2023, on the safety requirements for electrical utility infrastructure to address the increasing wildfire risks from climate change and aging infrastructure.

Energy Safety invites members of the public, stakeholders, local and regional agencies, boards, tribes, and commissions to participate by providing their input and comments during the virtual workshop.

Energy Safety has commissioned a study to analyze existing safety requirements for electrical corporations and provide recommendations to mitigate wildfire risks. The study will assess whether updates to existing safety requirements and/or implementation of new safety requirements may be necessary to mitigate the effects of climate change and prevent utility-caused catastrophic wildfires. This workshop will allow for public input and feedback on this study, which may yield recommendations for updates to the existing safety requirements for electrical utility infrastructure. The agenda for this workshop can be found on page three of this notice.

Public Comments

Energy Safety will take oral public comments during the workshop and will also accept written comments after the workshop. Written comments must be no longer than 25 pages. Comments are due by July 28 and must be filed in the Energy Safety E-Filing system to the Wildfire Safety Requirements Recommendations docket (#2023-WSRR).¹ Supporting documents may be included as appendices or attachments and are excluded from the 25-page limit.

¹ <https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/EFiling/DocketInformation.aspx?docketnumber=2023-WSRR>



To join the workshop, you will need to preregister using the link below:

Topic: PUBLIC WORKSHOP - Regulatory Recommendations for Wildfire Safety – July 13 and July 14, 2023, starting at 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

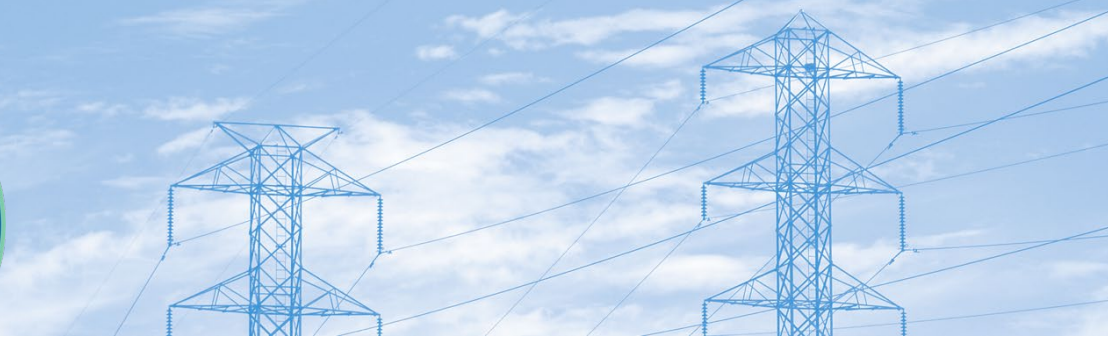
Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eletCmC1SsitfK1Fy3F25Q

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Remote Attendance

Zoom is Energy Safety’s online meeting service. Navigate to the meeting link and follow the instructions to join the meeting. When attending remotely, presentations will appear on your computer/laptop/mobile device screen and audio may be heard via the device or telephone. Please be aware that the Zoom meeting may be recorded. If you have concerns that you may be unable to use Zoom, you may verify your device’s compatibility at <https://zoom.us/test>.



AGENDA² | Thursday July 13 and Friday July 14, 2023

DAY 1 – July 13

Thursday

9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	Introduction and Project Overview
10:40 a.m. – 11:40 p.m.	Local Conditions
11:40 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.	Lunch
12:40 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.	Situational Awareness; Emergencies and Disasters
1:40 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Risk Assessment/Modeling
2:45 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.	Vegetation Management
4:35 p.m.	End of Day 1

DAY 2 – July 14

Friday

9:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	System Hardening and New Construction
10:50 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.	Undergrounding
11:40 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.	Lunch
12:40 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Asset Replacement/Inspection of Lines
1:50 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	Additional Safety Considerations; Regulatory Change Impact Analysis
2:50 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Open Q&A; Next Steps
3:30 p.m.	Adjourn

² For participant planning purposes, Energy Safety has provided an agenda. The start and end times of each segment and the order of business is subject to change.



Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available in dockets 2023-2025-WMPs³ and 2023-WSSR⁴ on the Energy Safety E-Filing system after the workshop.

Contact Information

Those requiring further information regarding this public meeting may contact Sarah Hovorka (sarah.hovorka@energysafety.ca.gov). This public meeting notice is also available in electronic format on Energy Safety's website at: <https://energysafety.ca.gov/events-and-meetings/>.

Persons with Disabilities

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For more information about the **Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety**: www.energysafety.ca.gov.

³ <https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/EFiling/DocketInformation.aspx?docketnumber=2023-2025-WMPs>

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