

North Central Regional Risk Assessment & Wildfire Workshop



DRAFT AGENDA

The Madison Concourse Hotel, Madison, Wisconsin

Day 1: Monday, August 25, 2025

TIME	TOPIC
12:30 PM – 1:00 PM	Welcome & State Host Keynotes Sponsor introductions and opening remarks from state leadership.
1:00 PM – 2:15 PM	Defining the North Central Regional Energy Profile Review regional energy systems and discuss regional-scale thresholds, critical infrastructure and interdependencies. Collaborative group exercises to pool state knowledge into a settled regional vision of an energy profile. PNNL to provide system overviews for all energy systems as a starting point.
2:15 PM – 2:30 PM	Break
2:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Regional Risk Assessment: State Roundtables Facilitated discussions to identify and evaluate components (hazards, consequences, vulnerabilities) of regional risks, supported by PNNL integrated analysis of state energy security plans and hazard mitigation plans. Facilitated small group exercises to develop regional risk concepts and facilitated full group exercise to share outcomes.
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Review Key Insights and Wrap up



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Day 2: Tuesday, August 26, 2025

TIME	TOPIC
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Welcome & Objectives, Day 1 Reflections Review of goals and objectives and reflections on Day 1.
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Analytical Approach and Feedback Elicitation Participants will synthesize priority regional risk components into risk scenarios through a qualitative risk assessment, conducted in small groups. Small group discussions will be integrated into the larger group. Key outcomes will be a preliminary set of priority regional risks, and clarity on what energy profile elements and other data may be needed for a regional risk assessment.
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Emerging Trends in Conditions in the Region Participants will discuss trends: what is shifting in the regional risk landscape, including new hazards, consequences, energy demand, technologies.
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Mitigation and Collaboration Participants will explore regional mitigation strategies and identify opportunities for collaboration.
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Working Lunch – Spotlight on Local Wildfire Experiences in the Region
1:00 PM – 2:45 PM	Scenario Action Planning Participants engage in a hypothetical wildfire event to test response plans, regional coordination, and decision-making.
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	Break
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Small Group Exercise: Review of Exercise Lessons Learned Breakout groups to reflect on the exercise, identify strengths, challenges and areas for improvement in regional response.
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Debrief – Key Insights and Identified Gaps



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Day 3: Wednesday, August 27, 2025

TIME	TOPIC
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Welcome and Objectives Introduction from GDO sponsor and review of goals and objectives.
9:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Wildfire in the North Central Region A panel explores regional historical events, wildfire trends, and data resources.
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Small Group Technical Topic Breakouts Breakouts on fire indexes and modeling, emergency response and community engagement from the Western U.S., and wildfire interactions with energy systems.
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Working Lunch – Wildfire Perspectives Informal discussion focused on wildfire viewpoints.
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Utility Wildfire Mitigation: Design and Planning A utility panel shares priorities for wildfire mitigation planning.
2:00 PM – 2:15 PM	Coffee Standup and a Group Photo
2:15 PM – 3:30 PM	Small Group Technical Breakouts Breakouts focused on wildfire risk assessment and mitigation metrics, de-energization (EPSS & PSPS) practices, oil and natural gas interdependencies, and new wildfire technologies.
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Plenary Panel – State Perspectives Leaders from state agencies for utility oversight, natural resource management, energy, and emergency management share their perspectives on wildfire challenges and approaches.
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Closing Out and Workshop Reflections



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