

Release Plan for IT Changes

Preliminary Plan for Release 50.1, December 2023

Changes to IESO systems planned as part of Release 50.1 are described below. Unless noted otherwise, the planned deployment dates are:

- Sandbox Build on October 26, 2023
- Non-Real Time Build on November 29, 2023
- Real-Time Build on December 6, 2023

For the annual 2023 IESO IT Release Schedule Web page, [click here](#).

There are currently no changes scheduled in this release. Additional Release Plans will not be published for 50.1 unless there are changes added in the Target Release Plan.

More information about the IT Release Plan is found at the end of this document. Questions or concerns about IESO Release Plans can be sent to the email address, pending.changes@ieso.ca or directed to IESO Customer Relations.

About the IT Release Plan

Four times a year, the IESO coordinates a release package of changes to IESO systems that will impact users outside the IESO. These changes are categorized as either:

- **Category 2** change (users will have to make a functional change, such as an update to a procedure), or
- **Category 3** change (users will have to modify a technical interface with an IESO system or solution).

For each release, three versions of the Release Plan are published:

1. Preliminary Release Plan
2. Target Release Plan
3. Final Release Plan

The IT Release Schedule provides the planned dates for each release. Dates for specific changes may differ from the calendar dates, but these will be provided in the Release Plan. For the full IT Release Schedule on the IESO website, [click here](#).

Sandbox Implementation is the date the change is deployed on the IESO Sandbox environment, used for testing and training.

Production Build is the date the change goes live. This may happen during either:

1. Real-Time Build for systems used to interact with the IESO-Controlled Grid or IESO-Administered Market, or
2. Non-Real Time Build for other systems used to interact with the IESO, such as those used for settlements or registration activities.

Efforts are made to minimize the impacts of system outages during planned releases. Planned outages are posted in advance on the IESO Planned IT Outages Web page. [Click here for a link](#).