



Advisory Group Meeting

Framework Finalization Workshop

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Welcome + Introductions

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Your Turn

Name

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Title

What's a show or movie you're embarrassed
to admit you love?

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Overview**

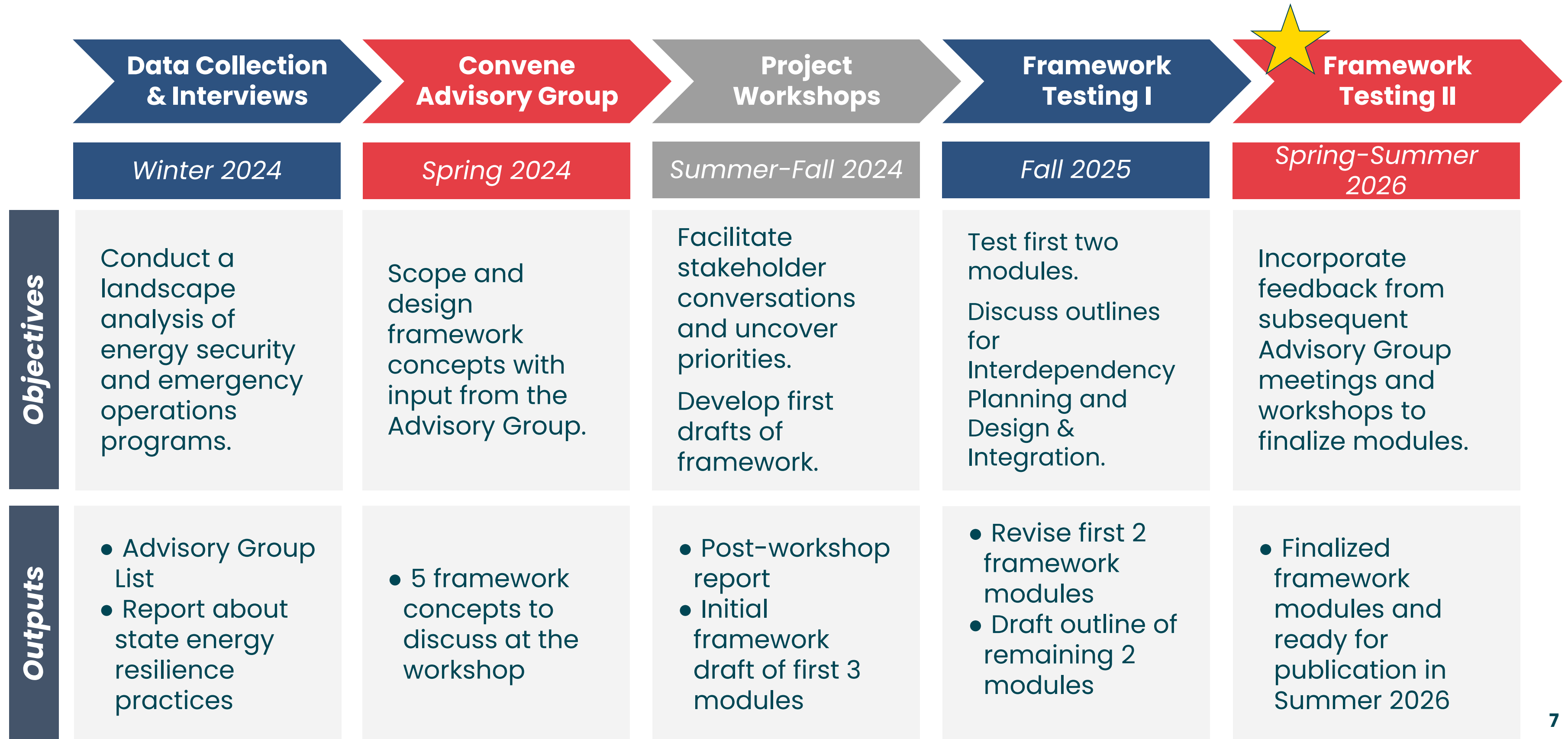
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**Interdependency
Planning
Module Discussion**

Day 1 | Workshop Agenda

Monday, March 16	
Time	Description
1:00 – 1:10 PM	Introductions and Agenda
1:10 – 2:00 PM	Module Concept Overview: User Guide, Energy Risk & Criticality, and Restoration Prioritization
2:00 – 2:10 PM	<i>Break</i>
2:10 – 3:00 PM	Interdependency Planning Module Discussion: Part I
3:00 – 3:05 PM	<i>Break</i>
3:05 – 4:00 PM	Interdependency Planning Module Discussion: Part II
4:00 – 4:05 PM	<i>Break</i>
4:05 – 4:50 PM	Interdependency Planning Module Discussion: Part III
4:50 – 5:00 PM	Day 1 Conclusion/Next Steps
5:00 PM	Adjourn
5:15 PM	Reception

Effort Milestones | Past, Present, and Future



Workshop Objectives



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Modules for Energy and Emergency Planning and Coordination Framework (EEPIC)

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**Executive
Summary &
User Guide**

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**Energy Risk &
Criticality**

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**Restoration
Prioritization**

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**Inter-
dependency
Planning**

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**Design &
Integration**

Module Concept Overviews

Executive Summary/ User Guide Module

This Module Clarifies How States Think About Energy Security

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Executive
Summary &
User Guide

Core Question

How should a state think about energy security planning before deciding what to do?
This module establishes the framing, language, and decision context that the framework builds from.

Module Themes

Energy Security as a Planning Lens

Planning efforts are optimized through understandings of long-term capabilities, risk, and preparedness

Interpretation-Driven Policies and Strategies

Plans, policies, and procedures used across stakeholders can lead to different decisions, depending on state priorities (e.g., diversification, economics, or resilience)

Emphasizing Multi-stakeholder Reality

Energy security decisions are influenced by many external factors (e.g., utilities, regulators, federal agencies, non-energy partners and agencies)

Flexibility in Use

The module can be used across different state governing bodies and does not replace existing energy plans or statutory requirements; it focuses on aligning these disparate factors

This Module Enables Consistent Coordination In Planning And Response Efforts

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Executive
Summary &
User Guide

Supported Planning Outcomes



Clarifying priorities before engaging in detailed analysis or planning



Ground planning efforts in a common strategic baseline



Guide interpretation and use of the framework modules



Improved energy policy decision-making, particularly at the regional level

States' Practical Uses

1

Frame discussions with teams on what energy security means for their state

2

Explain how their strategies emphasize certain priorities and risks prior to planning

3

Support alignment and understanding of energy stakeholders' planning responsibilities

4

Align stakeholders around or choose a specific energy security strategy

Energy Risk & Criticality Module

This Module Clarifies How Risk And Criticality Are Defined And Compared

Core Question

How do we consistently identify, evaluate, and communicate the risk and criticality of energy assets across organizations?

This module creates a shared foundation for understanding what 'risk' and 'criticality' means before prioritization or investment decisions are made.

Module Themes

Differences in Risk Assessments

Highlights that energy stakeholders assess risk using different assumptions and tools, creating disparate planning priorities and operations across the state

Multi-perspective Risk Analysis and Interpretation

Risk is understood as a function of asset's geographic scale, outage duration, societal impacts, and cross-sector impacts

Translating Risk to Criticality

Assets can be compared based on the combined understanding of their susceptibility to risks, redundancy, historical performance, and rate of failure

Aligning Multiple Processes

Different risk assessment documents and methods (e.g., SESP) are referenced to align assessment outputs (i.e., identify gaps and commonalities in risk calculations)

This Module Enables Consistent, Risk-Informed Decisions

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Energy Risk & Criticality

Supported Planning Outcomes



Create common understanding of risk across agencies using baseline inputs



Compare assets using consistent criteria, even when data sources differ



Explain why certain assets or services are more critical than others

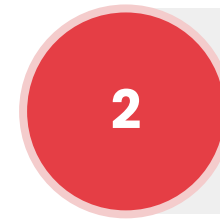


Support a transparent, standardized, and risk-informed planning process

States' Practical Uses



Create a process that identifies assets warranting deeper investment



Provide defensible justification for why some asset risks are tolerated and others are not



Reconcile differences in findings between existing assessments and planning documents



Align risk discussions and planning priorities across energy stakeholders

Restoration Prioritization Module

This Module Clarifies How States Structure Restoration Decisions

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Restoration
Prioritization

Core Question

How are restoration priorities being set, constrained, and communicated during disruptions?

This module explains how to account for grid realities, authorities, and competing priorities when making restoration decisions.

Module Themes

Roles and Authorities in Restoration Decisions

Clarifies energy stakeholder (e.g., utilities, state energy offices) level of influence in making operational decisions during power restoration

Prioritization by Load Type and Time Sensitivity

Highlights why loads are restored first post-event, based on performance capabilities without power (e.g., back up) and duration-driven impacts

Limitations to Restoration

Emphasizes that restoration priorities should be based on physical and operational limitations, such as capacity and workforce availability

Strategy-driven Impacts on Priorities

The prioritized electricity customer types during restoration, after essential grid assets, are driven by the state's selected Energy Security Strategy

This Module Enables Transparent, Coordinated, and Realistic Restoration Planning

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Restoration
Prioritization

Supported Planning Outcomes



Communicate cross-stakeholder priorities clearly, before and during disruptions

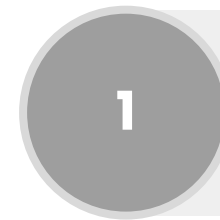


Reduce ad-hoc decision-making during grid events

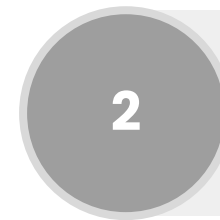


Align expectations for 'how' and 'why' restoration decisions are made

States' Practical Uses



Clarify restoration roles and authorities across agencies



Anticipate tradeoffs caused by operational, physical, and resource constraints on the grid



Determine what electricity customer types support your state's Energy Security Strategy

Module Discussion

Building Better Modules: Feedback Lenses



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Interdependency Planning Module

Next Steps

Next Steps

Workshop Conclusion

Location: **TBD** 🎉 Reception 🎉

Workshop: Day 2

Agenda

- Review Design & Integration
- Discuss Framework Roadmap

Framework Future

Tabletop Exercise Series based on
Framework Modules in 2027

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11:05 AM – 11:50 AM	Design & Integration Module Discussion: Part III
11:50 AM– 12:00 PM	Next Steps
12:00 PM	Adjourn (To-go lunch boxes available)

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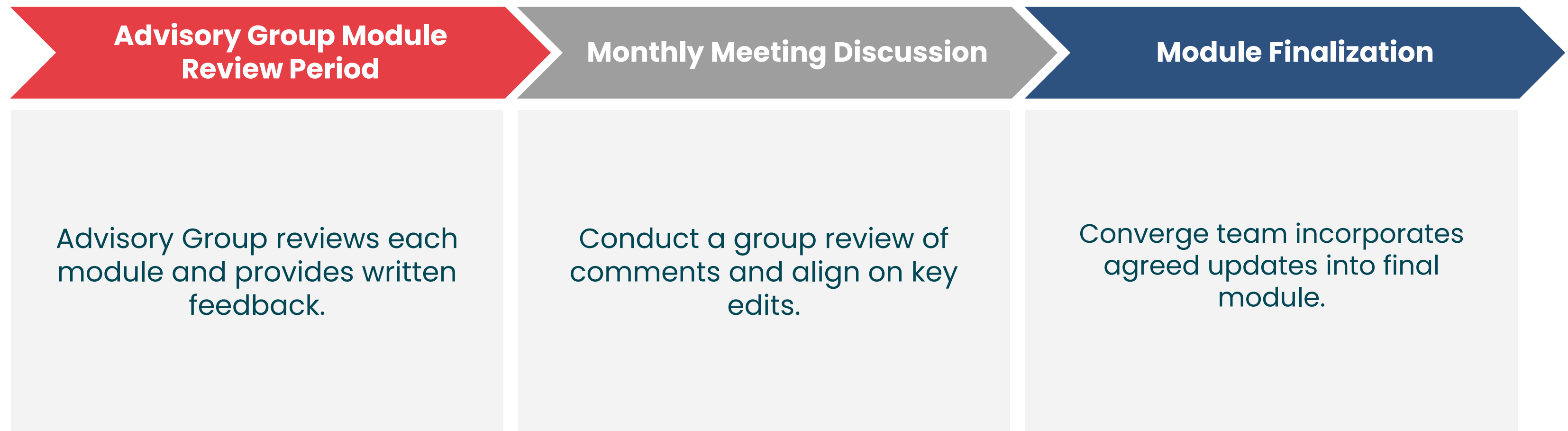
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Design & Integration Module Discussion

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Framework Roadmap



Framework Roadmap: Timeline

Module	Review Period	Discussion
Energy Risk & Criticality	April 9 – April 20	May Meeting
Restoration Prioritization	April 24 – May 1	May Meeting
Interdependency Planning	May 18 – May 28	June Meeting
Design & Integration	June 11 – June 22	July Meeting

Next Steps

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Monthly Meeting

📅 Next Meeting: Wednesday April 8, 2026;
3-4 PM CST

Agenda:

- Workshop Review
- Module Review Guidance

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