

# What's New at PowerTest 2026: Immersive Safety, Technician Recognition, Advanced Training, and EPIC Conference Sneak Peek!

PowerTest, the Premiere Electrical Power Safety & Reliability Conference hosted annually by NETA, brings together professionals from across the electrical power systems industry to level up their skills, expand their knowledge, and advance the field of electrical power system testing, maintenance, and safety. Featuring five days of dynamic learning, strategic networking, and valuable promotional opportunities, PowerTest26 is set to offer attendees a host of fresh experiences and training options tailored to their professional interests and goals.

**PORTAGE, Mich., December 1, 2025** -- NETA – the InterNational Electrical Testing Association – is excited to announce the PowerTest26 Conference, convening in Nashville, Tennessee, on March 2 – 6, 2026. PowerTest26 will feature its traditional in-depth training sessions but also offer fresh experiences and expanded learning opportunities—from expert-led hands-on instruction, a technology showcase, and Safety Immersion Experience to flexible learning formats. In addition, attendees can preview the upcoming, groundbreaking EPIC Conference in Fort Worth, Texas, on October 11 – 13, 2026.

#### **NEW TO POWERTEST26**

#### Electrical Safety Immersion Experience, Booth #923 PowerTest26 Trade Show (March 3, 2026)

Step into Booth #923 at the PowerTest26 Trade Show on March 2nd to begin the ultimate hands-on engagement experience. Elevate your electrical safety expertise and test your knowledge.

- Explore Innovations: Discover cutting-edge technologies, PPE, and life-saving tools.
- Test Your Knowledge: Challenge your understanding of safety protocols and best practices.
- Get Your Safety Score: Receive a personalized safety aptitude score to gauge your safety readiness.

## PowerTest26 Technician Level-Up Reception – NETA and AVO Celebrate the Backbone of the Power Industry (March 4, 2026, directly following the Technical Seminar Sessions)

Join us for an inspiring evening as NETA and AVO Training Institute honor the dedication and achievements of our industry's essential electrical testing technicians and maintenance professionals. Connect with power professionals, NETA Technicians, NETA Approved Military Organizations (NAMO) members, and QEMW-Qualified Electrical Maintenance Workers through stories and shared experiences. The event concludes with Level-Up Coins awarded to NETA Technicians who have elevated their expertise and commitment to the field. The reception is free for all 4- and 5-Day PowerTest26 Registrants.

## PowerTest26 Five-Day, Four-Day, Two-Day, or Friday-Only Training

PowerTest26 offers flexible training options over the five days of the conference. Power experts and technicians aiming to maximize their learning and earn up to 48 CTD/4.8 CEU credits will want to register for the full <u>Five-Day</u> training experience focused on electrical power system testing, maintenance, and safety. Investing time to build skills and expand knowledge creates professional growth, organizational success, and advances the electrical power industry. <u>Four-Day</u>, <u>Two-Day</u>, and <u>Friday-Only</u> training registrations are also available—Attendees can tailor their learning journey at PowerTest26 to fit both work and life schedules.

### PowerTest26 Friday Innovative Technology Training Day – Expanded! (March 5, 2026)

On Friday, Day-Five of PowerTest26, participants can now customize their experience with multiple training options designed to match their interests and goals. Choose from ten different 4-hour seminars. Friday sessions include training on transformer maintenance (Doble), power system digitization (Megger), and new technologies



and maintenance best practices from Eaton, Siemens, and Schneider Electric. Sign up now for Friday's hands-on training.

NFPA 70B Electrical Maintenance Worker Training – The Fundamentals of Safety and Electrical Testing (NETA QEMC / QEMW Training March 2-5, 2026)

The NFPA 70B Electrical Maintenance Worker training is a new series of 45-minute educational sessions on Monday, March  $2^{nd}$ , and 4-hour seminars on March  $4^{th} - 5^{th}$ , 2026, designed to cater to the electrical power industry's newest technicians and NETA QEMC / QEMW – Qualified Electrical Maintenance Companies and their Workers. Top-notch trainers and industry leaders will deliver instruction and insights on essential safety training, electrical power equipment maintenance, and the standards that guide our industry.

PowerTest26 PowerTalk Stage Presentation: An EPIC Conference Sneak Peek! – Featuring Three Bold Training Sessions for a Future-Ready Mindset!

EPIC - Electrical Power Innovations Conference | October 11 - 13, 2026, Fort Worth, Texas

**Session 1:** Emerging Tech Frontiers – Monitoring, Software, and the Digital Power Shift
Panelist experts include Stephen Cialdea, Sigma C Power Services; Pruthvish (Vish) Shah, 3M; Sheyna Reizes,
OFIL; Luis Pabon, Schneider Electric; Dinesh Chhajer, Megger; and Allan Rienstra, SDT Ultrasound.

**Session 2:** Al and IoT – Transforming Power System Operations and Maintenance
Panelist experts include Darwin Newton, Siemens; Keon McEwen, Black & Veatch; Mark Lauby, NERC; and Kurt Brigandi, IRISS

**Session 3:** Renewable Energy Optimizing the Future – Maintenance & Testing in Solar and Wind Generation Presenter: Volney Naranjo, Megger

Explore the full, five-Day PowerTest 2026 Conference Agenda at powertest.org.

#### MARK THE DATE - PLAN TO KNOWLEDGE UP!

PowerTest 2026 will convene on March 2 – 6, 2026 | Monday – Friday at the Gaylord Opryland Resort in Nashville, Tennessee.

PowerTest 2026 Registration is now open at <u>powertest.org</u>. Be sure to sign up by December 31, 2025, for the Early Bird discounts.

#### **ABOUT NETA**

The International Electrical Testing Association (NETA) is an ANSI Accredited Standards Developing Organization electrical commissioning, acceptance testing, and maintenance testing for electrical power equipment and systems. NETA also serves the electrical power industry as an accrediting and certifying body for electrical testing companies and technicians. NETA members are comprised of electrical testing companies and visionaries committed to advancing the electrical testing industry and ensuring the highest level of reliability and safety. Governed by an active member Board of Directors and operating out of offices in Portage, MI, NETA hosts PowerTest Electrical Maintenance and Safety Conference, EPIC- Electrical Power Innovations Conference, and publishes the NETA World technical journal.

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