

April 2002- New MCMIS Progress Report

Work is continuing on the development and testing of the new, web-enabled MCMIS. The new version of MCMIS will include all of the functionality of the current system as well as additional features. In order to access the new MCMIS you will need to have Internet Explorer installed on your machine and have access to the FMCSA WAN or secure internet access to SAFER and be registered by FMCSA with a unique userid and password. Future enhancements to the new MCMIS are already being planned. Alpha testing has already begun, and the developers are confident that the new MCMIS will be ready for use on its target date of September 3, 2002.

New Features - These are some of the new features that will be available in the initial release of the new MCMIS

Enhanced Reporting – The new MCMIS allows users direct access to a wide variety of reports. Reports will be available on-line in PDF format, which allows easy viewing, downloading and printing using the Adobe Acrobat Reader. Users will find a simple interface that allows the selection of available reports. The system will advise users if a selected report can be run immediately (in which case it will be available for viewing, downloading or printing within minutes) or if it requires longer processing. In the case of the latter, the system will advise the user when the report will be ready. At that time the user will be able to view, download or print the report. Those users who are authorized to view certain regularly produced management reports will find those reports available on this screen as well.

Primary/Secondary USDOT Merging – The new MCMIS features a fully automated merging system. This means that once users have identified the multiple USDOT numbers that are being used by a company, and indicated which will be the Primary USDOT number displayed on the company's vehicles, MCMIS will automatically handle the merging of all of the related MCS150 data for those companies as well as automatically reassigning the Inspections, Crashes and Reviews.

Census Data Uploaded with Compliance Reviews – The new MCMIS stores any census data that is uploaded with a Compliance Review in a "snapshot" format, in addition to updating the regular census data. Thus, when viewing a Compliance Review, users will be able to access census data for the reviewed company that was current at the time the review was uploaded.

Major Milestones

April 2002 – FMCSA will present a short preview of the new MCMIS at the Field IT Steering Group Meeting to be held in Denver, CO April 9-10, 2002. Planning for the transition to the new MCMIS continues; the transition-planning group will

meet on April 3, 2002 to review progress and identify any additional issues that must be resolved.

May 2002 – Beta testing begins at HQ and at selected beta sites.

July 2002 – Registration for new MCMIS user ids and passwords will begin.

August 2002 – A user-training workshop will be held for all Federal and State MCMIS users. Registration materials will be available soon.

August 23, 2002 – The transition from legacy MCMIS to the new MCMIS will begin after close of business (exact time to be announced later). MCMIS will not be available during the week of the transition.

September 3, 2002 – The new MCMIS becomes operational.