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## National Incident Management System Incident Resource Inventory System (NIMS-IRIS) Release

***The Incident Management Systems Division releases the build one – beta version of the National Incident Management System Incident Resource Inventory System (NIMS-IRIS)***

As part of our Nation's efforts to strengthen resource management in line with the National Incident Management System (NIMS), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Incident Management Systems Division has released the build one - beta version of the NIMS Incident Resource Inventory System (NIMS-IRIS) tool to the emergency response community. This version provides emergency responders with a database management tool to enter a community's 120 typed resources into a common database. The capability to share and aggregate data between jurisdictions will be available in a NIMS-IRIS update scheduled for summer 2007.

NIMS-IRIS build one – beta is a browser-based database management tool available to Federal, Tribal, State, and local officials, at no-cost or licensure fees. The tool will assist communities with inventorying and typing resources in accordance with NIMS protocols and will facilitate quick identification of resources to support emergency response operations. Additional features include the ability to insert user-defined resource types, kinds, and categories (e.g. typing of Tier 2 assets), and to extract resource reports from the system.

A user guide and a tutorial are also included in the tool to familiarize users with the tool's functionality, along with instructions on how to install and use the tool.  The user guide and tutorial are available within the tool and also through a separate download at http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/rm/iris.shtm.  Technical support requests for assistance can be made to IRIS@NIMSSC.net.

Version 1NIMS-IRIS is scheduled for release September 14, 2007.  The September release will incorporate user feedback to enhance existing functionality as well as refinements to data aggregation, improved resource importing and exporting, and enhanced report generation features.

Feedback regarding the tool is welcomed and can be submitted to NIMSSC@eku.edu.  This feedback will assist the Incident Management Systems Division with tool improvements and enhancements.

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NIMS-IRIS build one - beta is also available in hardcopy CD by emailing a request to IRIS@NIMSSC.net.