

Garland Proco Announces Retirement

Mr. Garland Proco has announced his retirement from NAC International as Director of the NMMSS Program. Mr. Dan Collier has been named as the day-to-day point of contact for operational, technical and contractual matters pertaining to the NMMSS. Garland will remain with the NMMSS until his September 2004 retirement date in an advisory role ensuring a productive and effective transition period.

Garland, thank you for the many years of leadership and guidance. You have been a strong champion for materials accounting and a steady hand as the NMMSS has evolved over the years. As we move forward, your legacy will remain, and you will not be forgotten.

The NMMSS is being handed off to very capable hands. A recognized expert in the nuclear fuel cycle with more than 30 years experience in the nuclear industry, Dan has provided his expertise to the NMMSS during the past several years on key assignments. Please welcome Dan as he takes over the reins of the NMMSS. Dan may be reached at 678-328-1294.

Thank you,

Peter Dessaules
DOE NMMSS Program Manager

Brian Horn
NRC Technical Manager for the NMMSS Project

NMMSS Users Annual Training Meeting

The 2004 NMMSS Users Annual Training Meeting will be held May 25-27, 2004 at the Caribe Royale Resort Hotel in Orlando, Florida. The meeting brochure is being prepared and will be distributed this month providing the details regarding registration and content of the meeting. Basic information about the meeting may be found on the NMMSS web site at www.nmmss.com under Seminars and Events.

Consolidation of Ownership Codes in NMMSS Historical Data is Complete

The staff of the NMMSS operator recently consolidated ownership codes in historic data into either code G or code J, DOE owned or privately owned, respectively. The consolidation was the last stage of a multiple stage effort that began last summer with the modification of the NMMSS to limit the use of codes G or J only in data generated October 1, 2003 and later. Modifying the historical data also included the addition of unique DOE project numbers in material moved from ownership codes A, B, or S into G.

Status of Facility Implementation of New NMMSS Forms

The user community has successfully transitioned to the new NMMSS forms that became effective October 1, 2003. Fewer than half a dozen facilities use the old forms, but these facilities do not submit significant quantities of data. Assistance is being provided to these facilities in the use of the new forms and the transition should be complete very soon.

Reporting of Americium Ingrowth by DOE Facilities

Shipments of plutonium to burial sites require the reporting of Americium ingrowth. Refer to DOE M 474.1-2A, Table XV-1. The word "burial site" is intended to mean place of final disposition of the material, e.g., WIPP, at which time the material leaves the NMMSS reporting requirements. In this connection, it is very important to bring the Americium on the books before or concurrent with reporting the shipment to WIPP as Americium ingrowth. If there are any questions as to how to prepare these transactions, contact Tina Barnett at 678-328-1126 or by email at tbarnett@nacintl.com



Attention: All NRC and Agreement State Licensees – Bulletin Responses

As stated in previous newsletter updates, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Bulletin 2003-04 on October 8, 2003. This Bulletin was directed at NRC and Agreement State Licensee facilities that have active reporting identification symbols (RISs) and associated accounts in the Nuclear Materials Management and Safeguards System (NMMSS) database. The primary focus of the Bulletin is to request a reporting of the quantities of certain nuclear materials each licensee possesses. This reporting will allow NMMSS to review established book balances and work with the licensees to resolve potential discrepancies.

If you have not received a copy of Bulletin 2003-04, it is available at: www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/gen-comm/bulletins/2003bl03004.pdf

Bulletin responses were due January 6, 2004. NMMSS has reported to the NRC that some licensees have not yet responded. Licensees that have not responded should do so immediately. **Please note:** The NRC has stated that enforcement action may be considered for licensees who do not respond to the NRC requests associated with Bulletin 2003-04.

Inquiries associated with the format for Bulletin replies, submittal questions, and other related NMMSS matters may be directed via email to Juan Subiry at: jsubiry@nacintl.com

Other questions concerning Bulletin 2003-04 may be directed to the NRC via email at: NMMSS@nrc.gov

Additions to NMMSS.com

Please refer to www.nmmss.com to view the most recent additions that should be of interest to you.

- Click on Annual Meeting and then on Foreign Obligations Workshop 2004 – Presentations to view the presentations made at the workshop held in Atlanta on January 13, 2004.

- Click on Seminars and Events, then on Annual NMMSS Users Training Meeting, May 25-27, 2004.

The entire content of the web site is currently under review by the NMMSS operator and changes resulting from this review will be made by the end of March 2004. If you have any suggestions as to additional material for the site, please forward it to the system sponsors, Pete Dessaulles of the DOE by email at pete.dessaules@hq.doe.gov or by telephone at 301-903-4525; or Brian Horn of the NRC by email at bgh1@nrc.gov or by telephone at 301-415-8128.

Upcoming Events

- April 13-16 DOE NMMSS I Training
- May 25-27 NMMSS Users Annual Training Mtg.
- June 22-24 DOE NMMSS II Training
- Fall 2004 NRC NMMSS Training

NMMSS Customer Service

Please forward your comments on NMMSS customer service to Dan Collier. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to, accessibility by telephone, promptness of response to reporting questions, promptness of response to data requests and quality of assistance given. Forward all comments to Dan by calling 678-328-1294 or by email at dcollier@nacintl.com

