

NMMSS *news*

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Updating Of Reporting Identification Symbol Information

Please review and update, as necessary, your facility's information in the appropriate Report Identification Symbol (RIS) Directory. The RIS Directory for the Department of Energy (DOE) and DOE contractors is the D-2. The RIS Directory for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and NRC licensees is the D-3. In addition, please review and update, as necessary, the authorized contacts for your facilities.

If you need a copy of your RIS page or a list of your facility's authorized contacts, please contact either Ron Bonifay, NRC Liaison, at 678-328-1116 or by email at rbonifay@nacintl.com, or Tina Barnett, DOE Liaison, at 678-328-1126 or by email at tbarnett@nacintl.com.

Questions?

Do you have NMMSS related questions that you would like to see addressed in a future NMMSS News. If so, please forward them to Tina Barnett at 678-328-1126 or by email at tbarnett@nacintl.com.

Customer Service

Please forward your comments on NMMSS customer service to the NMMSS Program Director, 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.

Remaining 2004 NMMSS Holidays

Please note that NMMSS will be closed on the following days to observe these holidays.

Dates in 2004	Occasion
November 25	Thanksgiving Day
November 26	Day after Thanksgiving
December 24	Christmas Day
December 31	New Years Holiday

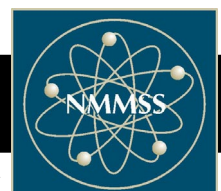
Transaction and Inventory Due Dates for DOE Sites

Please note NMMSS transaction and inventory due dates for DOE sites are as follows.

Month	Transactions Due	Inventory Due
October	November 10	November 15
November	December 10	December 15
December	January 12	January 18
January 2005	February 10	February 15
February 2005	March 10	March 15
March 2005	April 12	April 15

Calendar of Events

Dates	Events
February 2005	NMMSS Licensee Training, Atlanta
May 24-26, 2005	NMMSS Users Annual Training Meeting, New Orleans



Current Country of Obligation Codes

Below is a list, updated at www.nmmss.com, of current country foreign obligation codes for transactions (TR) reporting.

TR Code	Country of Obligation
31	Australia
32	Canada
33	Euratom*
34	Japan
35	People's Republic of China
81	Australia/Japan
82	Canada/Japan
83	Euratom/Japan
84	Australia/Euratom/Japan
85	Canada/Euratom/Japan
91	Australia/Euratom
92	Canada/Euratom
WR	Former Soviet Union Weapons Material

*EURATOM is comprised of the following member states: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

Please contact Michelle Romano at mromano@nacintl.com if you have any questions about this list of foreign obligations codes, or if you have the need to establish a new code.

September 2004 DOE Reconciliation and Database Closure

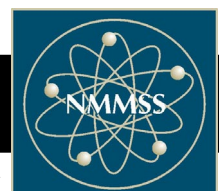
NMMSS has been working with DOE facilities, oversight offices, and DOE Headquarters to reconcile all DOE facility September 2004 inventories in an expedited manner. All DOE facility inventories must be reconciled before the September 2004 NMMSS database can be closed. Therefore, NMMSS and the DOE facilities have been working to reconcile the inventories and close the September 2004 database around the end of October. Late DOE reconciliation and NMMSS database closure causes a "carry-on effect" resulting in late closures of the months following the reconciliation month. Expedited closures result in all users being able to receive needed reports in a timely manner.

Completion of a One-Time Reconciliation of Nuclear Materials at NRC and Agreement State Licensees

Last month, the NMMSS staff concluded reconciliation activities of reportable materials at U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and Agreement State licensees in response to NRC Bulletin 2003-04. The NRC issued Bulletin 2003-04 requesting these facilities to perform a one-time reconciliation of special nuclear material (SNM) and foreign obligated source material with the NMMSS database. The bulletin also requested licensees to perform a one-time reporting of the quantities of other types of Government-owned materials (specified as deuterium, tritium, curium, americium, neptunium, californium, berkelium, or enriched lithium) in their possession.

In all, the initiative covered 1,337 facilities that had accounts in the NMMSS database as of September 30, 2003. All active accounts have been reconciled with the exception of a few, which are in the final stages of reconciliation.

Furthermore, the Department of Energy has tasked NMMSS to reconcile 'ALL' of the Government-



owned materials at licensee sites. As of early October 2004, NMMSS staff had completed the reconciliation of Government-owned materials at all but approximately 30 licensees. NMMSS staff expects to have all of the Government-owned materials reconciled with the NMMSS database by December 31, 2004.

As a result of this one-time reconciliation effort, more than 560 RIS's held by licensees have been deactivated from the NMMSS at the direction of the NRC and the concurrence of DOE.

The NMMSS staff would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all NRC and Agreement State licensees holding a NMMSS account for their cooperation and patience during this one-time reconciliation effort.

If you have any questions about this article please contact Juan Subiry at (678) 328-1282 or jsubiry@nacintl.com

NRC Follow-up Inspections

Over the next 12 months the NRC will be inspecting about 100 NRC and Agreement State licensees, typically those possessing less than 350 grams of special nuclear material, to verify the results of the aforementioned one-time reconciliation of licensee accounts. The inspections will be announced so that arrangement can be made to ensure that individuals familiar with each facility's NMMSS reporting are available. Inspectors will compare physical inventory records kept by licensees with NMMSS information and examine the materials that are reported to NMMSS. Inspectors will also ask licensee personnel to review administrative data maintained in NMMSS to ensure that the information is up-to-date. It is expected that these inspections will generally require one to two hours to complete.

If you have any questions, please contact John Pelchat, of the NRC staff at 404-562-4729 or by e-mail at jmp2@nrc.gov.

Building on the Foundation *Materials Accounting for the Future*

Each year, the NMMSS staff, DOE, and the NRC work hard to put together a users training meeting that is interesting and useful to NMMSS users. Following each meeting, we get comments and criticism on many aspects of the meeting. As we develop the meeting plan for the following year, these are considered. After last year's meeting in Orlando, many of the comments applauded the presentations by NMMSS users.

As we planned last year's meeting, we purposely chose to include these presentations. The meeting is for the NMMSS users, not for the sponsors or the operator. Our intention is to develop the NMMSS Users Annual Training Meeting into an event orchestrated by the users. You are the ones who know the issues faced every day. You are the ones who have innovative and leading edge solutions. You are the ones who can bring this information in front of your peers and lead practical and productive discussions. We will continue to provide logistic support and facilitation, but the NMMSS users need to take ownership of this annual meeting.

If you have topics on which you could speak or lead a discussion for 15-20 minutes, we encourage you to volunteer to be a session leader! You may choose group or individual presentations, panel or open discussions, or debates as the format. Several licensees have already expressed an interest in participating. We welcome their commitment and support their desire to lead *Materials Accounting for the Future*.

Come to New Orleans May 24-26 and be a leader at the 2005 NMMSS Users Annual Training Meeting.

Contact Donna Hinton at dhinton@nacintl.com and tell her that you too want to lead *Materials Accounting for the Future*.

