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2005 NMMSS Users Annual Training Meeting

The 2005 NMMSS Users Annual Training Meeting will be held May 24-26 at the Ritz-Carlton, 921 Canal Street, New Orleans. The theme for this year's meeting is Building on the Foundation: Materials Accounting for the Future. The training meeting will focus on:

- Unified DOE/NRC reporting
- Reporting changes that will result from the NMMSS Upgrade
- Yucca Mountain reporting requirements
- Improving nuclear materials management in the post 9/11 environment

In addition, several presentations from NMMSS users will address lessons learned from challenges in reporting, from preparing for site closure to reporting foreign obligations.

Meeting Registration

To register for the NMMSS Users Annual Training Meeting, complete the Meeting Registration Form, available at www.nmmss.com, and fax it to NMMSS (770-409-1310) or mail it to the address provided. Please note that providing NMMSS with the completed form will register you for the meeting but does not reserve your hotel room.

Making Reservations

Please make your hotel reservations directly with the Ritz-Carlton by calling 504-524-1331. To receive the special negotiated rate of \$146 per night (single or double), or \$166 (triple or quad), inform the reservation agent of your attendance at the NAC NMMSS Users Annual Meeting. Please note that the room rates are subject to state and local taxes,

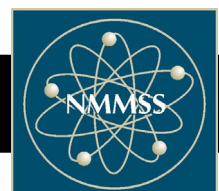
currently 13% plus occupancy tax of \$2 per room per night. Reservations must be made with the hotel by May 2, after which time they will be released for sale to the general public. After May 2, the hotel agrees to make every effort to accommodate any late requests and reservations above the number of rooms blocked at the guaranteed rate. Should you decide to arrive in New Orleans early or remain following the meeting, we are pleased to announce that the special rate of \$146 or \$166 will be honored three days prior to and three days following the meeting, based on guest room availability.

2005 LANMAS Annual Users Group Training Meeting

The Local Area Nuclear Material Accountability Software (LANMAS) Annual Users Group Training Meeting will be held on May 23 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., in the Acadia Room of the Ritz-Carlton. The meeting is scheduled in conjunction with the NMMSS Annual Users Training Meeting (May 24th-26th) to provide an opportunity for users to exchange information and obtain further clarification on NMMSS and LANMAS related activities. Discussions will focus on a status update of the LANMAS program, including user needs, software development, enhancements, ongoing installations, maintenance activities, and training. To confirm your attendance at the meeting or request additional information, contact Fay Armstrong, Chair of the LANMAS User Group, at 803-725-1731 or by e-mail at fay.armstrong@srs.gov.

New Foreign Obligation Codes Added

Please make a note of the new foreign obligations code available for use in reporting to NMMSS. The new code was created for Chinese/Japanese obligated material. The new code is 86 for reporting transactional data on the DOE/NRC Form 741 and this material is reported on line 99 of DOE/NRC



Form 742, Part B. Current Tables of foreign obligations codes are updated regularly on www.NMMSS.com.

Establishing or Deactivating a RIS for NMMSS Reporting

DOE RIS:

In order for a new DOE RIS to be established in the NMMSS, the requesting organization must contact their field element or site office. The field office will provide the required information to DOE Headquarters, Office of Plutonium, Uranium and Special Materials Inventory, (SO-20.3). After SO-20.3 coordinates with the appropriate DOE Headquarters program offices and the Office of Financial Policy, they will instruct the NMMSS operator to assign the new RIS. The deactivation of the DOE RIS occurs when a facility's authorization to store/handle nuclear materials inventory is withdrawn. Before deactivation all inventory must be removed to a balance of zero. Notification of deactivation is sent from the field element or site office to SO-20.3. After SO-20.3 coordinates with the appropriate DOE Headquarters program offices and the Office of Financial Policy, they will instruct the NMMSS operator to deactivate the RIS. For additional guidance on establishing a new DOE RIS, please contact Tina Barnett at tbarnett@nacintl.com or 678-328-1126.

NRC RIS:

In order for a new NRC or Agreement State Licensee RIS to be established by NMMSS, the requesting organization must contact Patricia Tana at NRC Headquarters (301-415-8105) who in turn will instruct NMMSS to assign the new RIS. Before deactivation, all inventories must be removed to a balance of zero. Prior to deactivation, the NRC will request confirmation from NMMSS that the nuclear material balance is zero, and will subsequently instruct NMMSS to deactivate the RIS. For additional guidance on establishing a new NRC RIS, contact Ron Bonifay at rbonifay@nacintl.com or 678-328-1116.

March 2005 DOE Reconciliation and Database Closure

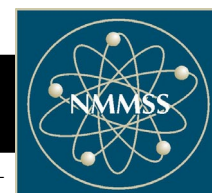
For the September 2004 reconciliation period, DOE facility nuclear material representatives and their staffs worked diligently with NMMSS staff to obtain a timely reconciliation and closure of the NMMSS September 2004 accounting periods. By October 15, 57 percent of the RISs, including those with the largest inventories and most transaction activities, were reconciled. By the end of October, 85 percent were reconciled, leaving only a few facilities to reconcile in November. The final RIS was reconciled and the NMMSS September 2004 books closed on November 12.

While this is a great improvement over previous reconciliation periods, it shows that there is still room for improvement. Therefore, NMMSS will be working with DOE facilities, oversight offices, and DOE Headquarters to reconcile all DOE facility March 2005 inventories in an even more expedited manner. All DOE facility inventories must be reconciled before the March 2005 NMMSS database can be closed. Therefore, NMMSS and the DOE facilities will be working to reconcile the inventories and close the March 2005 database by the end of April. Also, please be aware that DOE SO-20.3 will be monitoring the progress of the reconciliation and NMMSS will be providing them regular updates.

If you identify any areas where the NMMSS staff can help make the reconciliation process easier and more efficient for your facility (reports, electronic data, etc.), please contact Tina Barnett at 678-328-1126 or 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.



NMMSS News Special Edition

Attention NRC Licensees. Coming soon will be a special edition of the NMMSS News dedicated to proposed revisions in the D-24 Manual, "Personal Computer Data Input for Nuclear Regulatory Commission Licensees."

There will be an opportunity at the 2005 NMMSS Users Annual Training Meeting to make comments.

Current Country of Obligation Codes

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

* EURATOM is comprised of the following 25 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.

** People's Republic of China

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.

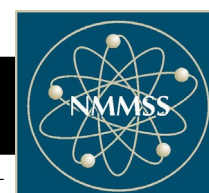
Transaction and Inventory Due Dates For DOE Sites

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

Reporting Month	Transactions Due	Inventory Due
April 2005	May 11	May 16
May 2005	June 10	June 15
June 2005	July 13	July 15

Calendar of Events

Dates	Events
May 24-26, 2005	NMMSS Users Annual Training Meeting, New Orleans
June 21-23, 2005	NMMSS II Workshop, Albuquerque, NM
October 11-13, 2005	NMMSS Training for NRC Licensees, Atlanta



Customer Service

Please forward your comments on NMMSS customer service to Dan Collier, Vice President, NMMSS Operations. 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.

2005 NMMSS Holiday Schedule

NMMSS Closed	Occasion
May 30	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 5	Labor Day
November 24-25	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 23 & 26	Christmas Holiday

