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2006 NMMSS Users Annual Training Meeting This Month

The 2006 NMMSS Users Annual Training Meeting will be held **May 23-25** at the Caribe Royale, 8101 World Center Drive, Orlando, Florida. The theme for this year's meeting is 30 Years of Service. The training meeting's general sessions will focus on:

- NMMSS upgrade progress and impacts
- Data quality improvements
- Obligations tracking
- Yucca Mountain handling of spent fuel

There will also be breakout sessions for DOE contractors and NRC licensees to discuss planned changes to NMMSS reporting instructions and other topics of interest.

In addition to the general and breakout training sessions, two other training sessions will be provided. A training session on the revised SAMS will be conducted for new and experienced users. Also, a training module on NRC reconciliation will be provided.

Please contact Shirley Williams at 678-328-1206 or swilliams@nacintl.com, if you would like more information or to register for the meeting.

NMMSS II Training Course for DOE

The NMMSS II (MCA-212) workshop has been scheduled for June 27-29 at the Department of Energy National Training Center (NTC) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This workshop is a follow up to NMMSS I, and addresses advanced topics and report products associated with nuclear materials accounting as they apply to NMMSS. Participants are also encouraged to bring NMMSS-related issues and problems they are currently experiencing to the workshop for discussion. The NMMSS I course (MCA-112) is a prerequisite for the NMMSS II workshop.

There are no training fees for DOE facility/office personnel or DOE contractors. Other persons must pay a training fee.

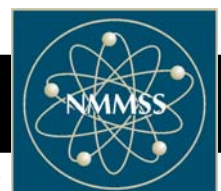
Go to the NTC website, ntc.doe.gov, to learn more about and to register for the workshop.

Submitting Data to NMMSS via Diskette

When submitting data to NMMSS via diskette, please label the diskette with the following minimum information:

- Date
- Facility Name
- Facility Reporting Identification Symbol (RIS)
- Contents
 - Transactions
 - Physical Inventory Listings (PIL)
 - Material Balance Reports (MBR)
- Classification of Data

Providing this information on the diskette helps to assure the proper and efficient handling and processing of your data. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a NMMSS analyst.



Upcoming NMMSS Training Course for NRC Licensees

The licensee training course will be held October 17-19, 2006 in Atlanta, Georgia. The course will include the following topics, among others:

- Completion of data input forms: transaction, material balance, inventory, and concise notes
- Demonstration of the use of SAMS in creating electronic data submissions
- Options for sending data to NMMSS electronically

The desired class size is 20 or less. You may register for the class and obtain a course syllabus by contacting Ron Bonifay at 678-328-1116 or by email at rbonifay@nacintl.com. Be sure to include your name, job title, facility name, address, telephone number, and email address. Note, there is no cost to attend this course.

Berkelium Accounting Versus Berkelium Reporting for DOE

With the issuance of DOE M 470.4-6, Nuclear Material Control and Accountability, berkelium (material type 47) is no longer a material type that is reportable to NMMSS (Section B). However, according to Section A of DOE M 470.4-6, berkelium is still accountable at the site level and should be tracked in the site nuclear materials accounting system. If you require additional information, please contact Debarah Smith, DOE SP-61, at Debarah.Smith@hq.doe.gov or 301-903-5122.

If you have questions concerning berkelium balances in NMMSS and how to remove them, please contact Tina Barnett at tbarnett@nacintl.com or 678-328-1126.

Meet the Staff

This month's featured staff member is Mitch Hembree. Mr. Hembree is a Senior Software Engineer for NMMSS. His primary responsibilities are focused on software support, maintenance, and the development of enhancements for the NMMSS. He is also responsible for coordinating parallel testing activities for the NMMSS Upgrade project. Mitch has been with the NMMSS for seven years. You can contact Mitch at mhembree@nacintl.com or (678) 328-1125.

NMMSS Customer Service

Please forward your comments on NMMSS customer service to Dan Collier by calling 678-328-1120 or by email at dcollier@nacintl.com. 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.

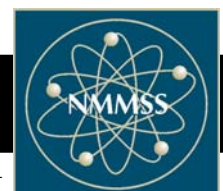
Questions?

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.

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
May 2006	June 12	June 15
June 2006	July 14	July 17
July 2006	August 10	August 15
August 2006	September 13	September 15
September 2006	October 11	October 16



Calendar of Events

Dates	Events
May 22, 2006	2006 LANMAS Annual Users Group Training Meeting, Orlando
May 23-25, 2006	2006 NMMSS Users Annual Training Meeting, Orlando
June 27-29, 2006	MCA-212, NMMSS II, for DOE entities, Albuquerque
October 17-19, 2006	NMMSS Training for NRC Licensees, Atlanta

2006 NMMSS Holiday Schedule

NMMSS Closed	Occasion
May 29	Memorial Day
July 3-4	Independence Day
September 4	Labor Day
November 23-24	Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas

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