

NMMSS news

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2008 NMMSS Users Annual Training Meeting

The 2008 NMMSS Users Annual Training Meeting will be held May 20-22, 2008 at the Omni San Antonio Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. Planning for the meeting is underway.

In order to make the meeting as productive as possible, we need your input as to the topics to be covered in talks and open discussions. Please take a moment and provide your valuable views to us.

In addition, we are looking for volunteers to present talks and participate in roundtable discussions. Getting more users involved will make a more interesting and useful meeting. Please forward your input to Tina Barnett at tbarnett@nacintl.com or 678-328-1126.

2008 LANMAS Annual Users Group Training Meeting

The Local Area Nuclear Material Accountability Software (LANMAS) Annual Users Group Training Meeting will be held on Monday, May 19, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., in Ballroom E of the Omni San Antonio. The meeting is for users to exchange information and obtain further clarification on LANMAS-related activities and is scheduled in conjunction with the NMMSS Users Annual Training Meeting (May 20-22, 2008). 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 Users Group, at 803-725-1731 or by email at fay.armstrong@srs.gov.

Training to Be Offered at NMMSS Users Annual Training Meeting

DOE, NRC, and NMMSS are currently in the process of planning to conduct abbreviated training sessions during the week of the 2008 NMMSS Users Annual Training Meeting at the Omni San Antonio Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. The two training sessions being planned are an abbreviated NMMSS Training Course for NRC Licensees and a training session on the Safeguards Management Software (SAMS) which will be released in conjunction with the NMMSS Upgrade.

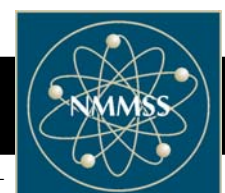
Current plans are to conduct an abbreviated licensee NMMSS-1 training course and abbreviated SAMS training on the last day of the 2008 NMMSS Users Annual Training Meeting, (Thursday May 22, 2008) from 1:00 until 4:00 pm. This training will incorporate reporting changes based on the NMMSS Upgrade System.

Stay tuned for further information and details on these training opportunities.

NMMSS Training Course for NRC Licensees

The next licensee NMMSS-1 training course is scheduled for June 10-12, 2008 in Atlanta, Georgia. The course will be based on the upcoming NRC reporting changes outlined in the draft NUREG/BR-0006 and NUREG/BR-0007 scheduled to go in effect on January 1, 2009 in conjunction with the NMMSS Upgrade and 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 for this course.*

SAMS Upgrade Training Seminar

The Safeguards Management Software (SAMS) Upgrade training has been scheduled for July 22-23, 2008. The class will be a two-day hands-on computer-based course, and will be limited to 15 participants in Atlanta, Georgia. This course will be based on the beta version of SAMS which will be distributed in conjunction with the implementation of the upgraded Nuclear Materials Management & Safeguards System (NMMSS) software.

SAMS is a facility-based version of the NMMSS software, managed by NAC International, for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The SAMS software package provides the NMMSS user the ability to input data and perform edit checks at their facility for transactions, material balance reports, and inventories. The functionality of the system is similar to the NMMSS, enabling the user to resolve problems and make corrections prior to sending the data to NMMSS. The data can be exported to a text file to send to NMMSS via electronic media, direct link, encrypted email, or DOE's Secure Information Management Exchange (SIMEX).

The free training seminar offered by NAC International and taught by NMMSS staff will be of interest to those currently using SAMS, small facilities with few transaction activities, and larger facilities planning to automate their system and integrate SAMS.

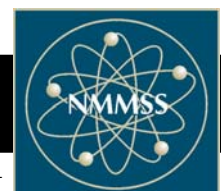
If you are interested in attending the seminar for the Upgrade SAMS, please contact Ron Bonifay at rbonifay@nacintl.com.

Current Obligation Codes

Transaction Code	MB Code	Description
31	85	Australia
32	86	Canada
33	87	Euratom*
34	88	Japan
35	89	Peoples' Republic of China
37	TBD	Switzerland
38	A1	Argentina
39	A2	Brazil
40	A3	Chile
81	94	Australia/Japan
82	95	Canada/Japan
83	96	Euratom/Japan
84	97	Australia/Euratom/Japan
85	98	Canada/Euratom/Japan
86	99	China/Japan
87	I1	Australia/Canada
88	I2	Australia/Euratom/Canada
91	91	Australia/Euratom
92	92	Canada/Euratom
WR	93	Former Soviet Union Weapons

* Euratom is comprised of the following 27 member states: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

Please contact Jessica Norles at 678-328-1130 or jnorles@nacintl.com if you have any questions about this list of foreign obligation codes. If you need to establish a new code, please inform the appropriate contact. For NRC licensees, the contact is Santiago Aguilar, 301-492-3569 or SRA1@nrc.gov. For DOE contractors, the contact is Sonya Barnette, 301-903-2068 or SONYA.BARNETTE@hq.doe.gov.



Meet the Staff

This month's featured staff member is Samuel Brown. As of November 2007, Sam has been with the NMMSS over 13 years, and is currently the Technical Team Leader. Sam was part of the initial team that converted the NMMSS from a Mainframe operation to a Local Area Network (LAN) platform. He is responsible for the daily activities related to NMMSS software and database maintenance, special data requests, non-security-related commercial software and hardware maintenance and the NMMSS Upgrade. Additionally, he is the original developer of the Safeguards Management Software (SAMS) and the primary contact for SAMS technical issues. You can contact Sam at sbrown@nacintl.com or (678) 328-1129.

NMMSS Outreach

Outreach to our users who submit data to the NMMSS is one of our most important responsibilities. Although the NMMSS presents an annual users training meeting, individualized assistance is also available from the DOE NMMSS sponsor and NMMSS staff. By working with our user sites in their own environment, our dedicated team can discuss issues, share knowledge and experiences, and help resolve data problems. To request assistance from DOE Headquarters, please contact Peter Dessaulles at pete.dessaules@hq.doe.gov or 301-903-4525. If you would like assistance from the NMMSS staff, please contact Tina Barnett at tbarnett@nacintl.com or 678-328-1126.

Suggested Articles

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

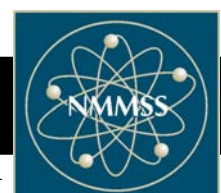
Transaction and Inventory Due Dates For DOE Sites

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

Reporting Month	Transactions Due	Inventory Due
November 2007	December 12	December 17
December 2007	January 11	January 15
January 2008	February 12	February 15
February 2008	March 12	March 17
March 2008	April 10	April 15
April 2008	May 12	May 15

Calendar of Events

Dates	Events
February 11-14, 2008	NMMSS I Training Course for DOE, Aiken, South Carolina
May 20-22, 2008	2008 NMMSS Users Annual Training Meeting, San Antonio, Texas
May 22, 2008	Abbreviated Licensee NMMSS-1 Training and abbreviated SAMS Training San Antonio, Texas (both include NMMSS Upgrade changes)
June 10-12, 2008	Licensee NMMSS-1 Upgrade Training Atlanta, Georgia
June 24-26, 2008	NMMSS II Training Course for DOE, Aiken, South Carolina
July 22-23, 2008	Safeguards Management Software (SAMS) Training Atlanta, Georgia



2007 NMMSS Holiday Schedule

NMMSS Closed	Occasion
December 24-25	Christmas

2008 NMMSS Holiday Schedule

NMMSS Closed	Occasion
January 1	New Year's Day
January 21	Martin Luther King's Birthday
February 18	President's Day
May 26	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 1	Labor Day
October 13	Columbus Day
November 27-28	Thanksgiving
December 25-26	Christmas

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