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Remember to Register for the 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. Several topics are scheduled to be discussed, including

- ◆ NMMSS Upgrade
- ◆ Impact on Data Submitters of New Rules and System
- ◆ Update on the National Source Tracking System
- ◆ NRC Rulemaking Changes
- ◆ DOE NMMSS Policy Update
- ◆ Status of Project Numbers for DOE-owned Materials

This is a small sampling of the topics scheduled for discussion. In addition to the general discussions, Safeguards Management Software (SAMS) and NRC NMMSS Training sessions will be offered on Thursday morning. See below for additional happenings on Monday, May 19, prior to Tuesday mornings NMMSS Meeting kickoff.

To register for the meeting, your best option is to register online at www.nmmss.com. In recent years, online registration has grown to be a much easier, faster, and effective process for both the attendees and organizers. Please note that providing us with the completed form will register you for the meeting, but does not reserve your room. See below for information on how to reserve your room at the Omni San Antonio Hotel.

We hope to see you in San Antonio!

Reserve Your Room at the Omni San Antonio Hotel for the Users Meeting

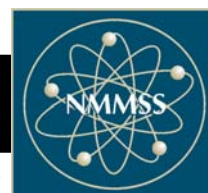
Please make your hotel reservations directly with the Omni San Antonio Hotel at Colonnade (9821 Colonnade Boulevard) by calling 1-800-THE-OMNI (1-800-843-6664). To receive the special negotiated rate of \$112 per night (single or double) or \$132 (triple or quad), inform the reservation agent of your attendance at the NAC International NMMSS Users Group Conference. Please note that the room rate is subject to state and local taxes, currently 16.75%.

Reservations must be made by May 1, after which time the rooms will be released for sale to the general public. After May 1, 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 San Antonio early or remain following the meeting, we are pleased to announce that the special rate will be honored three days prior to and three days following the meeting, based on guest room availability.

Please note that in addition to complimentary self-parking, with in/out privileges, the Omni also offers a complimentary airport shuttle service. Valet parking, with in/out privileges, is also available for approximately \$10 for 24 hours. For additional information, please contact the hotel directly at 210-691-8888.

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 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (please note the time change), in La Joya Ballroom (please note location change) 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.

NMMSS ORIENTATION

In conjunction with the NMMSS Users Annual Training Meeting, a special "NMMSS Orientation" will be offered 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 19 in the La Joya Ballroom of the Omni San Antonio. The goal of this session is to introduce those who are new, and semi-new, to the NMMSS and the NMMSS user community and answer the many questions you will have such as: What is NMMSS? Why are both the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff and Department of Energy staff at the NMMSS Users and Training Meeting? What does "foreign obligated" mean? What is a "Form-741"? Why is enriched uranium called "Material Type 20" in NMMSS? Everyone is invited to this open session. We hope to see you there and please bring your questions.

Training to Be Offered at NMMSS Users Annual Training Meeting – Remember to Register!

DOE, NRC, and NMMSS are currently in the process of planning to conduct an abbreviated training session during the week of the 2008 NMMSS Users Annual Training Meeting at the Omni San Antonio Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. The training session being planned is for an abbreviated NMMSS Training Course for NRC Licensees incorporating the Safeguards Management Software (SAMS).

Current plans are to conduct the abbreviated course on the last day of the 2008 NMMSS Users Annual Training Meeting (Thursday, May 22, 2008) from 9:30 am until 12:00 pm (please note the time change).

If you are interested in attending this training session, please contact Ron Bonifay at rbonifay@nacintl.com or 678-328-1116 by May 9, 2008.

NMMSS Training Course for NRC Licensees

The next multi-day licensee NMMSS I 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 into effect on January 1, 2009 in conjunction with the NMMSS Upgrade and will include the following topics among others:

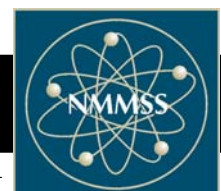
- ◆ Completion of data input forms: transaction, material balance, inventory, and concise notes
- ◆ Demonstration of the use of SAMS in creating electronic data submissions
- ◆ Options for sending data to NMMSS electronically

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 – Remember to Register!

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.

Upcoming NMMSS Training Course for DOE

The NMMSS II workshop has been scheduled at the Savannah River site in Aiken, South Carolina for June 24-26, 2008. 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 DOE National Training Center website, www.ntc.doe.gov, to learn more about the workshop and for information on how to register.

NMMSS News Editorials

Do you ever have any questions or comments on articles you read in the NMMSS News? Do you ever have additional information concerning an article that you would like to share with the rest of the NMMSS User Community? If you do, the NMMSS News is your forum for communicating this type of

information. Please forward questions, comments, additional information, etc. to Tina Barnett at tbarnett@nacintl.com for publication in the new Editorial Section of a future issue of the NMMSS News.

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.

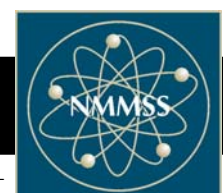
Suggested Articles

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
March 2008	April 10	April 15
April 2008	May 12	May 15
May 2008	June 11	June 16
June 2008	July 11	July 15
July 2008	August 12	August 15
August 2008	September 11	September 15



Calendar of Events

Dates	Events
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
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

2008 NMMSS Holiday Schedule

NMMSS Closed	Occasion
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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