

# NETWORK NOISE

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## **East Tennessee Technology Park**

*Jane Nations, CAIS Technical Coordinator*



It's springtime in East Tennessee, and with dogwoods and azaleas blooms in spring also comes severe storms. As we speak, we are checking rooftops at ETPP to document damage from last night's thunderstorms. This is a value-added approach to our program at ETPP, in addition to our normal routine inspections, and is just one example of how we lend support to the Facility Management, Surveillance, Inspection and Testing (FMSIT) contract. Recent changes to the contract have modified our internal Reporting requirements, but the DOE/BJC contractual obligations remain intact for an additional year.

We are currently working with our BJC and EM counterparts to resolve excess and D&D issues at ETPP, but for now, our scope of work remains the same. We enjoyed participating in the CAS conference last month, and hope the trend for headquarters participation continues.

## **Y-12 National Security Complex**

*Jane Nations, CAIS Administrator*

The Facility Condition Assessment Program at Y-12 is still on track with our current goal

to inspect 2 million square foot of space in FY2002. We had an opportunity to attend

the CAS conference in Las Vegas in March. It was nice to see headquarters represented at the conference, and we enjoyed the discussions held with all of the sites. The insight from headquarters regarding the fundamental uses of CAIS information and future initiatives to demonstrate value in having consistent facility data was beneficial. It was very informative to witness how other sites are managing their systems and interfacing with maintenance. We look forward to continuing these discussions at future conferences, and hopefully, as we grow in our program, will be able to share our own success.

## **Monitor's Musings:**

*Ken Baker*

As of this newsletter we have 13 CAS/CAIS users. The leader of the pack is Environmental Management with six sites using our favorite database. Potential users are Pantex and Brookhaven National Laboratory. Dennis will be sending a CD to Sharon Buell for evaluation. If Sharon accepts the CAIS way of collecting and costing deferred maintenance costs, she advances to the famous Chuck Siegfried inspector course for indoctrination. This session with Dr. Siegfried is scheduled for the week of June 17 in Las Vegas. Dennis and Ken head up Rt. 95 the week of May 20 to visit Mike Paquette and install CAIS for him.

No news yet on LCAM changes being planned. The LCAM Facilities and Infrastructure Group (FIG) will be reconvening at Caesar's Palace the week of May 6. Yes, the meetings will be held at the hotel. There are four subgroups tackling the four main areas of the future order. They are real estate, planning, maintenance, and

D&D procedures. The Palace environs should provide the opportunity to focus on the rewrite of the new order. (No snickering please) The groups should have a draft order assembled and out for comment by mid –June.

Science and Environmental Management have replenished the CAIS coffers so our favorite programmer won't be laid off now! We plan on keeping him busy in the future with many enhancements and maybe a special project or two. He will have his hands full over the next few weeks loading the new RS Means costing systems on everyone's database.

On a personal note, I will be moving from the Forrestal South Building to the North Building the week of May 20<sup>th</sup>. Expect few returned calls or email that week. Room number is unknown at this time. Since my arrival in DOE in 1989 I have moved 8 times within the same building. I guess it is time for some Spring-cleaning again.

The proposed FIMS snapshot date for deferred maintenance costs this year is going to be November 7, 2002. The CFO wants these costs before Thanksgiving. The CAISers should not have any problems.

#### **ORNL Notes**

*Charles Lamb, CAIS Administrator*

I for one at ORNL want to say thanks to all the hard work you programmers have put into the CAIS 2000. It is head and shoulders above CAIS 3.5. The enhancements are working great, can't wait to see what else is on the horizon.

#### **Database Backups**

*Ken Rowe, DynCorp*

Remember to backup your database server. You should backup your database at least once per week. Hard disks do crash. Buildings burn down. You may want to use a read/writ able CD. Tape media also work well. I suggest that you have 5 CDs (or tapes) and **rotate them regularly**. You can either backup your entire server or make an export of the database.

#### **Disaster Recovery**

I strongly suggest that you keep one of your backups at a site other than the building where your server is located. If your building is lost, your database will still be fine if you have an off-site backup.

#### **A True Story**

In 1989, I worked for a computer consulting/training company and they had a client who had a fire in their building. The computer and the backup tapes were destroyed since the backup tapes were kept right next to the computer. This client was a law firm and all of their client's files were lost. Don't let this happen to you.

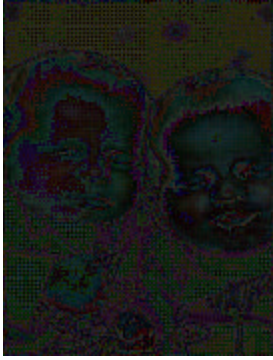
#### **Final Notes**

*Terry Christie, Network Chairman*

I want to thank everyone for his or her participation in the Network meeting that was held in Las Vegas, March 2002. It was a very productive meeting and many sites were represented. The next meeting is scheduled to be held at Los Alamos, October 22-24, 2002. We don't have the completed arrangements yet but will make them available as soon as possible. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend.

The next LCAM/CAS conference call will be held on Wednesday, June 12 at 11:00 EST. The phone number for this call will be 202-287-1098. Please try to take time for this call.

The last thing I wish to share will everyone is that my daughter, Bonnie, with her husbands support delivered identical twin girls on May 1. She already has a 5-year-old son and a 2-year-old daughter. All went well and they weighed 5 lbs. 5 ozs. and 6 lbs. and 1 oz. and were 17" long. They are beautiful and I am a thrilled grandmother.



**Emma & Madeline**