

Operations and Maintenance Business Information Link (OMBIL)

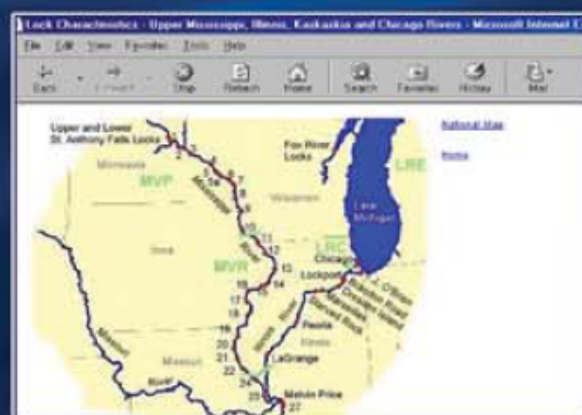
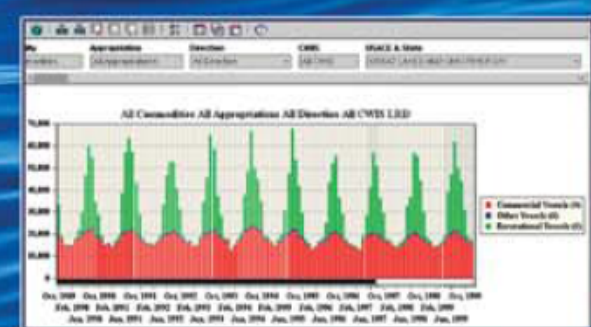
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In the 1990s, performance-based budgeting and program assessment became increasingly important,

particularly following the passage of the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993. To meet the Corps need for quality performance measures, the Navigation Data Center (NDC) and its primary operational arm, the Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center (WCSC), initiated a linkage between NDC data and the Corps financial data system. This effort, called the Operations and Maintenance Business Information Link (OMBIL), was designed to assist the Corps in transitioning to business-oriented management.

To develop these performance measures, NDC began extracting expenditure data from the Corps Financial Management System (CEFMS) and combining it with business output data. NDC used this information to develop efficiency and effectiveness measurements for a range of Civil Works business lines. The measurements were posted online for internal use by the Corps and they were submitted to other authorities, including the Office of Management and Budget.



By 2008, NDC had refined OMBIL Plus, a centralized performance management information system comprising the navigation, hydropower, recreation, environmental compliance, environmental stewardship, water supply and regulatory business lines. This system continued to provide data in support of performance-based budgeting and Federal and public data requirements.



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