

## 1.0 Glossary.

### 1.1 LMN830 Format.

New Orleans District (NOD) uses a data format called the LMN830 format. This is a format that is required by numerous legacy systems, for Point-on-Range (POR) survey data. The LMN830 data format is required for machine-readable POR data submission from surveying contractors. The format is used for both topographic and hydrographic surveys. A descriptor of "Fw.n" shall refer to a FORTRAN floating point number specifier. The "w" specifies field width and "n" specifies the digits to the right of the depicted decimal. The decimal point must be explicit, unless otherwise specified. All numeric fields shall be right justified and all character fields shall be left justified unless otherwise stated.

The format consists of repeating sets of an A01 record, A02 record, and a varying number of data point records. The data records contain a Station Number and four sets of Distance, Elevation, and 3-character Note. The record format is F12.2, 4(F7.1,F7.2,A3) and a 9999999 terminator is used in the last distance field.

Each POR's range distance value represents the distance from the baseline to the perpendicular projection of the survey location onto a straight range line. This procedure adjusts the survey boat's meandering along a range line and considers this drift a minimal factor in hydrographic survey accuracy.

**1.2 Extended LMN830 Format.** The Extended LMN830 format is a revised format that includes file header records that very narrowly define the conditions and location of that file's surveys. This additional information is required for loading data into NOD's ProjectWise data management system. The new format includes additional geodetic coordinate information that is the actual boat (survey) location before it is projected onto a straight range line.

**1.3 Station and Range Order.** The surveyed stations must appear in the file in ascending Station order, unless otherwise specified. For Revetment Ranges, the ranges must appear in upstream-to-downstream range order. For example, U-400 to D-300.

## 2.0 Extended LMN830 Data Specification.

**2.1 Title Record Descriptions.** "T" records are required at the beginning of each survey data file. These records narrowly define the specific datum, units, and location information about a survey. If a survey is broken into several files, each file should contain the same header information.

### T01 RECORD:

Data Labels	Column	Label
	(01:03)	T01
	(07:18)	FILE NAME :
	(43:48)	ORDER:
	(61:73)	HORIZ. DATUM:

**Element Name : File Name**

Field Length : 26  
Data Type : Alpha/Numeric  
Data Format : XXXXXXXX  
Record Loc. : (20:41)  
Description : The name of the data file itself. The name should begin with an alpha character in order to be loadable to various operating systems. Avoid file name extensions, other than **830** or **TXT**

Default Value: None, required entry.  
Validation : The name must match its given system name at the time of file generation.

**Element Name : Order**

Field Length : 1  
Data Type : Numeric  
Data Format : X  
Record Loc. : (50:50)  
Description : The Order of Accuracy of the survey. 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3rd order.

Default Value: No default value.  
Validation : 1 = 1st Order, 2= 2nd Order, & 3 = 3rd Order.

**Element Name : Horizontal Datum**

Field Length : 5  
Data Type : Alpha/Numeric  
Data Format : XXXXX  
Record Loc. : (75:79)  
Description : The North American Datum upon which the survey was based. This will vary according to the specifics of the contract.

Default Value: No default value.  
Validation : The values are:  
NAD27 = North American Datum of 1927  
NAD83 = North American Datum of 1983

**T02 RECORD:**

Data Labels	Column	Label
	(01:03)	T02
	(07:18)	JOB NUMBER :
	(43:48)	UNITS:
	(61:73)	VERT. DATUM:

**Element Name : Job Number**

Field Length : 8  
Data Type : Alpha/Numeric  
Data Format : XX-XXXXX  
Record Loc. : (20:27)  
Description : The Job Number is the survey contract job number assigned by the Survey Section, It identifies the survey contract and its requirements, duration, location, etc.

Default Value: None, required entry.

Validation : The number consists of a year and sequence number. For example, the second contract job for 1990 would have a number of 90-2. Alphabetic characters are sometimes added; 90-2A

**Element Name : Units**

Field Length : 2  
Data Type : Alpha/Numeric  
Data Format : XX  
Record Loc. : (50:51)  
Description : The units in which the survey was taken. All positions: X, Y, and Z's must be in the same units.  
Default Value: None, required entry.  
Validation : Valid entries are: FT = feet  
SI = System International (Meters)

**Element Name : Vertical Datum**

Field Length : 6  
Data Type : Alpha/Numeric  
Data Format : XXXXXX  
Record Loc. : (75:80)  
Description : The vertical plane to which the elevations' were referenced.  
Default Value: None, required entry.  
Validation : MLG = Mean Low Gulf  
MSL = Mean Sea Level  
NGVD29 or NGVD88 = National Geodetic Vert. Datum  
NAVD = North Atlantic Vertical Datum

**T03 RECORD:**

Data Labels	: Column	Label
	(01:03)	T03
	(07:18)	SURVEY DATE:
	(43:48)	ZONE :
	(68:73)	EPOCH:

**Element Name : Survey Date**

Field Length : 11  
Data Type : Alpha/Numeric  
Data Format : DD-MON-YYYY  
Record Loc. : (20:30)  
Description : The date on which the survey was completed.  
Default Value: None, required entry.  
Validation : Value must be a valid date: 01-JAN-1990

**Element Name : Zone**

Field Length : 12  
Data Type : Alpha/Numeric  
Data Format : LAMBERT xxxx -or- UTM xx  
Record Loc. : (50:61)  
Description : The State Plane, Lambert, or UTM zone which to the survey's XYZ points have been referenced.

Default Value: None, required entry.  
Validation : The value must be: LAMBERT xxxx or UTM xx  
The "xxxx" and "xx" represent the zone  
numbers. Represent single digit zones with  
leading zeroes: 01, 02, 03...

**Element Name : Epoch**

Field Length : 7  
Data Type : Numeric  
Data Format : YYYY  
Record Loc. : (75:81)  
Description : The year in which the given vertical Benchmark  
elevation was adjusted or derived.  
Default Value: None. Required entry, when a region has an  
Epoch value.  
Validation : Value must be a valid year: 1990  
New epoch formats show decimal value years,  
such as 2004.65, where the 65 is the decimal  
value of the year. 65/100ths of the year.  
0.65\*366 (2004 is a leap year) = 238th  
day of the year.

**T04 RECORD:**

Data Labels :	Column	Label
	(01:03)	T04
	(07:18)	BANK REF. :
	(41:48)	CHANNEL:

**Element Name : Bank Reference**

Field Length : 3  
Data Type : Alphabetic  
Data Format : XXX  
Record Loc. : (20:22)  
Description : The bank from which the survey was referenced.  
Default Value: Optional entry, only needed for hydrographic  
surveys and topographic bank surveys.  
Validation : RDB = Right Descending Bank  
LDB = Left Descending Bank

**Element Name : Channel**

Field Length : 30  
Data Type : Alphabetic  
Data Format : 30(X)  
Record Loc. : (50:79)  
Description : The channel on which the survey was taken.  
Default Value: Optional entry, only needed for hydrographic  
surveys and topographic bank surveys.  
Validation : Generally None. For Revetment Maintenance  
Surveys, channel must be: "Mississippi River"  
or "Atchafalaya River"

**T05 RECORD:**

Data Labels : Column           Label  
                  (01:03)           T05  
                  (07:18)           CONTRACTOR :

**Element Name : Contractor**  
Field Length : 60  
Data Type : Alpha/Numeric  
Data Format : 60(X)  
Record Loc. : (20:79)  
Description : The name of the survey contractor.  
Default Value: Required.  
Validation : None.

**T06 RECORD:**

Data Labels : Column           Label  
                  (01:03)           T06  
                  (07:18)           LEVEE DIST.:

**Element Name : Levee District**  
Field Length : 60  
Data Type : Alpha/Numeric  
Data Format : 60(X)  
Record Loc. : (20:79)  
Description : Levee District name where the survey was  
                  taken.  
Default Value: None, required entry.  
Validation : The name should be one of the following:

- Grand Prairie Below Bohemia
- Grand Prairie Above Bohemia
- Point A LA Hache Relief Outlet
- Lake Borgne
- Orleans East
- Orleans West
- Pontchartrain
- Baton Rouge Front Levee
- Buras
- Lafourche Below New Orleans
- Lafourche Above New Orleans
- Atchafalaya Basin
- Fifth Louisiana
- Above Baton Rouge (Left Bank)
- Pass A Loutre (Left Bank)
- Pass A Loutre (Right Bank)
- South Pass (Left Bank)
- South Pass (Right Bank)
- Southwest Pass (Left Bank)
- Southwest Pass (Right Bank)
- Bonnet Carret' Spillway (Left Bank)
- Old River, Old RIVER Outflow
- Chalmette
- Larose to Golden Meadow
- New Orleans to Venice Levees (Reach A)

New Orleans to Venice Levees (Reach B-1)  
New Orleans to Venice Levees (Reach B-2)  
New Orleans to Venice Levees (Reach C)  
East Jefferson  
West Jefferson

**T07 RECORD:**

Data Labels : Column           Label  
                  (01:03)           T07  
                  (07:18)           TITLE           :

**Element Name : Title**  
Field Length : 60  
Data Type : Alpha/Numeric  
Data Format : 60(X)  
Record Loc. : (20:79)  
Description : A description of the location that was surveyed.  
Default Value: None, required entry.  
Validation : Generally None. For Revetment Maintenance Surveys the title must be the Corps standard name of the Revetment, followed by "Revetment Maintenance Survey" For example:  
"Fort Jackson Revetment Maintenance Survey"

**2.2 Range Survey Description.** Represent each range survey a data block containing a varying number of records. This block has its own pair of title records called A01 and A02 records, and then the data body.

**A01 RECORD:**

**Element Name : Cross Section Code**  
Field Length : 8  
Data Type : Numeric  
Data Format : 8(N)  
Record Loc. : (01:08)  
Description : The Cross Section Code is used in the Revetment Maintenance System as an identifier.  
Default Value: As required.  
Validation : Validation will be provided.

Data Labels : Column           Label  
                  (09:11)           A01

**Element Name : Latitude**  
Field Length : 11  
Data Type : Numeric  
Data Format : DDDMMSS.SSS  
                  (I3,I2,F6.3 decimal point @ col 42)  
Record Loc. : (14:24)  
Description : The latitude value at the intersection of the established range line and a reference baseline.  
Default Value: Required.  
Validation : Value must be a valid deg, min, sec

coordinate.  
Element Name : Longitude  
Field Length : 11  
Data Type : Numeric  
  
Data Format : DDDMMSS.SSS (I3,I2,F6.3 decimal pt @ col 32)  
Record Loc. : (25:35)  
Description : The longitude value at the intersection of the  
established range line and a reference  
baseline.  
Default Value: Required.  
Validation : Value must be a valid deg, min, sec  
coordinate.

**Element Name : Range Azimuth**  
Field Length : 9  
Data Type : Numeric  
Data Format : DDDMMSS.S (I3,I2,F4.1 decimal point @ col 43)  
Record Loc. : (36:44)  
Description : For NAD27 datum, the 0° azimuth shall be true  
south, with azimuths increasing clockwise.  
For NAD83 datum, the 0° azimuth shall be true  
north, with azimuths increasing clockwise.  
Azimuths are measured at the intersection of  
the range and the baseline.  
Default Value: Required.  
Validation : Value must be a valid deg, min, sec  
coordinate.

**Element Name : Station**  
Field Length : 12  
Data Type : Numeric  
Data Format : F12.2 (decimal point @ column 54)  
Record Loc. : (45:56)  
Description : The distance along the baseline from the  
reference 0.0) in feet. A typical value could  
be 1500.00.  
Default Value: Required.  
Validation : None.

**Element Name : Range Name**  
Field Length : 12  
Data Type : Alpha/Numeric  
Data Format : X(12)  
Record Loc. : (64:75)  
Description : The official alpha-numeric range name (label)  
appropriate for plan layouts. Typical values  
are R-01, R-02, U-022, D-022, or R-201.25  
Default Value: Required, if name exists.  
Validation : Generally None. For Revetment Surveys, the  
range names must be 5 characters long and  
zero-filled. For example:  
D-002, D-001, R-000, U-001, and U-002

**Element Name : Starting Range Endpoint**  
Field Length : 2 Fields of 12

Data Type : Numeric  
Data Format : 2(F12.3)  
Record Loc. : (81:104)  
Description : The starting Easting & Northing coordinate of  
The range. These values should be in units of  
feet or meters and the coordinates should  
match the specified zone from the T03 record.  
Default Value: Required.  
Validation : None.

**Element Name : Ending Range Endpoint**  
Field Length : 2 Fields of 12  
Data Type : Numeric  
Data Format : 2(F12.3)  
Record Loc. : (105:128)  
Description : The ending Easting & Northing coordinate of  
the range. These values should be in  
units of feet or meters and the coordinates  
should match the specified zone from the T03  
record. NOTE: The two range endpoints must be  
in order of increasing range distance.  
Default Value: Required.  
Validation : None.

**A02 RECORD.** The A02 record contains information about the benchmark and/or gage that was used as reference for creating the current range. If the range is entirely topographic data, only the PBM name and ELEV fields need to be completed. If the range is entirely hydrographic data, the GAGE, WSE, DATE, and TIME fields need to be completed. If the range is a combination of both overbanks and water bottoms, all fields need to be completed.

Data Labels	Column	Label
	(09:11)	A02
	(15:18)	PBM:
	(48:52)	ELEV:
	(65:69)	GAGE:
	(81:84)	WSE:
	(95:99)	DATE:
	(114:118)	TIME:

**Element Name : Permanent Benchmark (PBM)**  
Field Length : 25  
Data Type : Alphanumeric  
Data Format : 25(X)  
Record Loc. : (20:44)  
Description : The name of the Permanent Benchmark from  
which elevation of the surveyed range was  
based.  
Default Value: N/A  
Validation : N/A

**Element Name : Gage Name (GAGE)**  
Field Length : 6  
Data Type : Alphanumeric



Data Format : X(6)  
Record Loc. : (71:76)  
Description : The gage code of the gage read to establish a Water Surface Elevation for this range at the time of survey. This field is only used for Hydrographic Surveys. Gage name are typically in the format of Gxxxxx. For example, the code for Carrollton Gage is G08080.  
Default Value: N/A  
Validation : N/A

**Element Name : Water Surface Elevation (WSE)**  
Field Length : 7  
Data Type : Numeric  
Data Format : xxxx.xx  
Record Loc. : (86:92)  
Description : The Water Surface Elevation read from the gage used for this range. This field is only used for Hydrographic Surveys.  
Default Value: N/A  
Validation : N/A

**Element Name : Hydrographic Survey Date (DATE)**  
Field Length : 11  
Data Type : Alphanumeric  
Data Format : DD-MON-YYYY  
Record Loc. : (101:111)  
Description : The date that the hydrographic survey was taken. Note that this date may be different from the T03 Record's Survey Date field which indicates when the survey was completed.  
Default Value: N/A  
Validation : Value must be a valid date: 01-JAN-1990

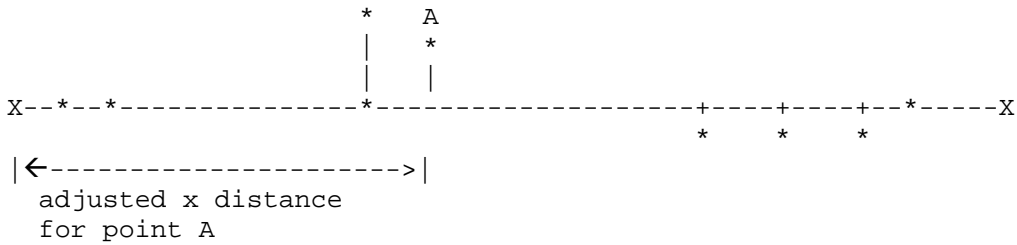
**Element Name : Hydrographic Survey Time (TIME)**  
Field Length : 4  
Data Type : Numeric  
Data Format : HHMM  
Record Loc. : (120:123)  
Description : The time that the hydrographic survey was taken. This time should be in hours and minutes in the 24 clock format. For example, 0730 is 7:30 am.  
Default Value: N/A  
Validation : N/A

**RANGE DATA BLOCK.** The range data block contains a varying amount of records that are required to represent a single range. Each range requires a terminator of 7 nines (9999999) in a distance field. The terminator indicates the end of the range. Each record contains information for 4 coordinates. There are two data sets. The first set carries a Station Number and four sets of Distance, Elevation, and Note. The record format is F12.2, 4(F7.1,F7.2,A3). Each point's

distance value represents the perpendicular projection of the surveyed POR location on the straight range line. This procedure adjusts the survey boat's meandering along a range line and assumes this drift is a minimal factor in hydrographic survey accuracy.

The figure below illustrates the perpendicular adjustment of the survey points onto the range line:

\* = survey points  
 X = range endpoints



The record also contains a 2nd data set that represents the actual non-adjusted coordinates corresponding to the four adjusted points. These XY points are in the same units as the adjusted points and they are represented in the coordinates of the projection zone listed in the T03 title record.

**Element Name :** Station  
**Field Length :** 12  
**Data Type :** Numeric  
**Data Format :** F12.2 (decimal point @ col. 10)  
**Record Loc. :** (01:12)  
**Description :** The distance along the baseline from the reference station in feet. A typical value could be 1500.00 which represents station 15+00.00.  
**Default Value:** Required.  
**Validation :** None.

**Four Sets of Distance, Elevation, and Note.**

**Element Name :** Distance  
**Field Length :** 7  
**Data Type :** Numeric  
**Data Format :** F7.1  
**Record Loc. :** (13:19),(30:36),(47:53),(64:70)  
**Description :** The distance value along the range from the reference baseline to the surveyed point. The 0 distance value is at the intersection of range with the baseline. The distance values for each range must be in increasing order. A 9999997 value may be entered into the Distance Field.

This value acts as an indicator flag for a

Change in Height of Instrument (HI) for unreduced data. The HI value should be entered in the Elevation field that matches this Distance Field. The HI will be subtracted from all following coordinate pairs in that range. Ranges may have multiple 9999997s and HIs.

Default Value: Required.  
Validation : None.

**Element Name : Elevation**  
Field Length : 7  
Data Type : Numeric  
Data Format : F7.2  
Record Loc. : (20:26), (37:43), (54:60), (71:77)  
Description : The height of a POR above the reference datum. Values should be in units of feet or meters.  
Default Value: Required.  
Validation : None.

Element Name : Note  
Field Length : 3  
Data Type : Alphabetic  
Data Format : XXX  
Record Loc. : (27:29), (44:46), (61:63), (78:80)  
Description : A 3-character note using standard survey notations for levee profiles and cross sections.  
Default Value: As Required.  
Validation : The note may be one of the following values:

CCL = Center Line Levee  
FS = Flood Side of Levee  
PS = Protected Side of Levee  
BL = Levee Baseline  
FSC = Flood Side Crown (Edge)  
TR = Top Riprap Protection  
TC = Top Concrete Pavement  
WES = Water Edge and Surface  
LSC = Protected Side Crown (Edge), Land Side  
LST = Protected Side Toe  
UTL = Paralleling Utilities  
PL = Pipeline Crossing  
RMP = Ramp Centerline  
CR = Crown or High Point Levee  
ER = Edge of Road or Highway  
BLD = Edge of Building or Obstruction  
TSP = Top of Sheet Piling or Wall  
TPR = Top of "Potato Ridge" Levee  
CLR = Centerline of Road  
TR = Treeline  
NG = Natural Ground

**Four Sets of Corresponding XY Range Coordinates.**

These XY coordinate values represent the non-adjusted "field" values for the surveyed range data that was adjusted to the range line.

Element Name : XY Range Coordinates  
Field Length : 8 Fields of 12 per coordinate  
Data Type : Numeric  
Data Format : 8(F12.3)  
Record Loc. : (81:176)  
Description : The non-adjusted Easting & Northing (XY)  
coordinates of the range. These values should  
be in units of feet or meters.  
Default Value: Required.  
Validation : None.

**3.0 Method of Delivery.** Data shall be directly electronic transmitted, as specified in Section C of contract.

**Revision History:**

Revision 8, 30-JUN-1992

Section 3.0 Method of Delivery:  
Removed reference to floppy disk external label requirements.

Revision 9, 06-MAY-1993

A01 Record, Ending Range Endpoint:  
Corrected record position from (104:128) to (105:128)

A02 Record:  
Added PBM Elevation, Gage Code, Water Surface Elevation, Time,  
and Date Fields.

Distance Field:  
Added a definition that allows entering a Height of Instrument  
(HI) for unreduced data.

Revision 10, 19-July-2001

Conversion of spec into MS Word from ASCII format.  
Increase of the T01 record filename length from 8 to 28  
characters.

Revision 11, 06-March-2006

Increase the length of EPOCH from 4 to 7, to capture  
new epoch values with decimal years, e.g. 2004.65