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TO: FIMS User Community

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SUBJECT: Facilities Information Management System (FIMS) Version 1.14 Release

Today, Tuesday, April 24, 2007, version 1.14 of the Facilities Information Management System (FIMS) was released. These enhancements are automatically available to you when you log into FIMS from your browser. The following system enhancements are included in this new release.

- The maximum size of the Notes field has now been expanded to 4000 characters.   As a result of this enhancement, the Notes field has been removed from the Property table (FIMS_TBL_PROPERTY) and a new table has been created (FIMS_TBL_NOTES) to contain all of the Notes information.   Any custom queries using the Notes field from the Property table will need to be modified as a result of this enhancement.

  The Notes field has been removed from the following Standard Reports: 01, 19, 30, 35, 39, 40, 44, 50, 52, 78, 79, and 80. Standard report #65 has been modified to accommodate the expanded Notes size. This standard report will be the only report that will provide the Notes information.

  A new Standard Report #83 has been developed that will provide Notes information for archived records.

- A new OSF Mission Dependency standard report (#94) has been developed. The report can be found on the "Special" standard report menu. This report will allow sites to easily identify Mission Critical OSF assets and can be used as an attachment to a Ten Year Site Plan (TYSP). The option does exist to be able to generate the report for any of the Mission Dependency categories or all categories.

- The Building RPV window has been modified to display the RPV model unit cost following the model description.

- The FIMSWEB.MDB ad-hoc query database has been updated to reflect the Notes field expansion as described above. You can download the updated database from the FIMS website at http://fims.hr.doe.gov/downloads.htm.

- The FIMS User's Guide, FIMS Reporting Guide, and FIMS Data Element Dictionary have been updated to reflect all of the above changes. These documents are available from the FIMS website at http://fims.hr.doe.gov/documentation.htm.

If you have any questions related to these enhancements, please contact the FIMS Hotline at 301-903-0850.   You can also email Mark Gordy (mark.gordy@hq.doe.gov) or Gayle Smith (gayle.smith@hq.doe.gov).