

# NETWORK NOISE

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## Notes from Van Jones

### CAS on FM Home

I am currently preparing an article describing CAS to be put on the FM's Homepage in the near future. I hope to educate DOE on the capabilities of the CAIS/CAS Program.

### Funding For CAS

CAS is now fully funded through fiscal year 1997.

### CAS Enhancements Meeting

A meeting was held in Herndon at the Parsons Brinkerhoff office to discuss enhancements to the CAIS database. A representative from Lawrence Livermore Laboratory came out to make a presentation on changes (enhancements) they would like to make to the system. Charlie Lu will discuss the possibilities at the meeting in Las Vegas.

### FAC Workshop

In October the Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC) workshop was held in Las Vegas. I was very pleased to see several CAIS users attend this workshop including Larry Ware, Jeff Hayenga and Darrell Tullock and others I might not have recognized. I would like to extend special thanks to Darrell Tullock for agreeing to chair one of the FIMS subcommittees. This subcommittee is entitled the FIMS/CAIS/SFIA Interface subcommittee. The exchange of

information was very lively and informative. Many of the participants indicated that this was the best FAC workshop ever held. I hope that we can keep up the exchange of information between CAIS and FIMS users.

Shortly following the workshop Anna Marie Trujillo agreed to head up a subcommittee on data integrity. The purpose of this committee is to take a look at the data coming out of all systems responsible for producing information on facilities. This includes FIMS, CAIS and SFIA. We hope to be able to reconcile any differences that might exist in data coming from these systems.

### Seismic Workshop

A number of FIMS users attended the Seismic Workshop on how to comply with Executive Order 12941. This workshop was conducted at the Hilton in Gaithersburg, MD on November 7 and 8, 1996. Participants say that information given was helpful for them in meeting their seismic responsibilities. DOE has determined that FIMS is the official corporate database that will be used to electronically submit seismic data to FEMA.

## Training

We conducted training for 24 EM employees from Headquarters on the use of the FIMS system. EM was the last major Program Office to be connected to the FIMS database. We expect to train another group of EM headquarters employees by the end of February on FIMS.

## Upcoming Training

A training class will be conducted in Las Vegas on February 5-7, 1997 for new FIMS users. Currently this class is filled to capacity.

## Meet Me Conference Call

We continue to have a meet me conference the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00am, EST. The FIMS Administrator at your site will receive the number for call in to the conference call. You may also call me, Van Jones on 202-586-4050 to receive the number.

*Van Jones, CAS/CAIS/FIMS  
DOE/HQ*

## Notes from the Chairman

### Client Support

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with the problem of weaning support from our client DOE. I have received conformation from DOE/HQ that Van Jones (FIMS) and Fred Drummond (CAS) will not be granted travel to attend our network meeting in Las Vegas. We have not had the presence of the DOE/OPS Office personnel at meetings the last several meetings, with one exception of DOE/AL. I am told they will try to send a representative to Las Vegas. Should this trend continue, we will have an even harder battle to keep the CAS/CAIS Program alive.

### Larry O'Laughlin

The "Network" meeting is back in Las Vegas through the individual efforts of Larry O'Laughlin. We owe Larry many thanks for his efforts as he has retired from NTS and is personally sponsoring the meeting at Jackie Gaughan's Plaza Hotel on March 25-27, 1997. I hope you will personally add to my thanks here, when you see him in Las Vegas.

### Network Charter

In preparation for our next network business meeting on Thursday, March 27, 1997, please plan to spend some time in review of the "CAS Network Charter." We are in need of reviewing the charter and making revisions to accommodate the changes in the way we conduct business. I am still trying to find a copy of the latest revision of the charter so I can make copies for distribution on opening day of our Las Vegas meeting. If anyone has a final draft of the old charter, please contact me, as I have no positive leads for a copy at this time.

### Site Reports

Please develop a site status report for presentation on the first day of the network meeting. Include information on such things as organization, changes, funding, special reports, developments, personnel, future prospects and even some humor.

### "Network Noise"

Terry Christie continues to do an outstanding job in publication of the newsletter. Please join me in expressions of appreciation for her work. She is trying to increase the coverage of the newsletter but must receive information from the site to include in the publication. She needs your individual support by sending her site information on current & future: 1) staffing, 2) management support, 3) new products or achievements, 4) funding changes, 5) standardized products or reports, 6) recognition or awards, 7) outside (of site work) work contracts or accomplishments, 8) successes with management, etc.

### Pantex CAS Status

On October 1<sup>st</sup> the Facility Operations Division discontinued funding the CAS Program but survival was realized by funding from the Facility Engineering Division, for the three inspectors, one CAIS Administrator, and a Program Manager. Our achievement was short lived with the resignation of our CAIS Administrator (Mark Taylor) at the end of October, and the news that his position would not be filled.

Further problems will be found in February when two of the three inspectors will be leaving under the DOWN SIZING program, and we have not been assured that even one of the positions will be filled.

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In addition, my position as Program Manager may be eliminated in the same program.

CAS program status is questionable, but the products are being increasingly requested. These products include: 1) Monthly CAS Inspection summary deficiency reports issued to management at the end of each calendar month, 2) Tracking of deficiency corrective action requests and close-outs, 3) Quarterly report issue of site facility condition status by percentage of each condition class on the basis of the entire site, 4) First issue of each "Facility Configuration" sheets which includes a color photo of the facility, engineering/construction/utility parameters, and on the reverse side a profile drawing of the facility with facility identification of features. Note that a second generation of these sheets is in development with a new format to include initial purchase cost, the past years based user cost per square foot per year, and on the reverse side addition of emergency shutoff points (and identification by location) of electricity, natural gas, domestic water, chilled water, compressed air, steam, etc. and 5) a semi annual update of the "CAS Inspection Asset (Facility) Listing" that includes all asset groupings scheduled for inspection under the Pantex CAS Program.

The Pantex CAS Program has completed inspection of 75% of the first cycle with only 9 months of the 36 month schedule remaining. An increasing customer population has been experienced, but the effort of the Pantex down sizing is yet to be determined.

*Robert Von Eschen, CAS/CAIS Manger & Network Chairman*

## **Los Alamos National Laboratory**

Los Alamos National Laboratory is refining ties we have established with the Environmental, Safety, and Health organizations to address and track code level findings. The ES&H teams report, track, and verify correction of safety, code, and hazardous conditions at LANL. With a primary focus of accomplishing our work in a safe, efficient, and cost effective manner, this association has been a real plus for the CAS Program, providing high visibility and giving us the opportunity to deliver a value added product to the managers at LANL. Westinghouse continues to provide world class service to LANL with the inspection crews and the new support organization they have developed here. It is a pleasure to do business with them. I look forward to seeing the CAS folks at the next Network meeting in Vegas.

*David McIntosh, CAIS Administrator*

## **Notes from DynCorp**

### **CAIS Enhancement/ Promotion Meeting held in Herndon, VA**

DynCorp and PBES held an informal meeting on January 14-16, 1997 to discuss possible enhancements to the Site-CAIS 3.1 system as well as ways to further promote the use of CAIS 3.1. Anyone interested in participating in shaping the future of CAIS should call Charlie Lu or Kevin Kiah @ 703-7910.

## **CAIS Hotline Information**

Jesse Oak will continue to contact each site in order to review your status and answer any questions you may have. If you have not been contacted, please call the CAIS Hotline at 703-709-7910

For those users wishing to e-mail CAIS questions to us, they may now use the following CAIS Hotline e-mail address: atso.hotline@hq.doe.gov

## **News Flash! Personal Oracle 7 and CAIS 3.1**

Manuel Daskalos at the Morgantown Facility has successfully migrated his CAIS 2.0 to a standalone version of CAIS 3.1 using Personal Oracle 7. The CAIS Hotline also uses this platform for all Hotline calls. If your site is interested in using the Personal Oracle 7 platform please do not hesitate to call the CAIS Hotline at 703-709-7910

## **Inspection-CAIS News Flash!**

We have found the problem with downloading asset information to Inspection-CAIS. A solution is currently being implemented and tested. All sites will be notified when a patch becomes available.

*Charlie Lu, CAIS Development Manager*

## **Note from the Co-Chairman**

Currently CAS at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) has not changed, however we are about to make a change for the better. ORNL is no different than any other DOE site, we are experiencing budget cuts as well. We will have completed our 2<sup>nd</sup>

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walk through inspection by May of this year. I am convinced that it is time for us (CAS at ORNL) to take the next step in data collection. Like Los Alamos we see where we can help with ES&H, along with several other data collection sources (14 and still counting) here at ORNL.

I had the privilege to attend the FAC workshop that Van has already mentioned. It gave me a chance to ask some needed questions about the data inconsistencies in FIMS and CAIS.

It has been helpful to our program to bring CAIS and FIMS together in a joint effort to populate FIMS.

We are still working with Charlie Lu's group to put CAIS on a windows NT server. It's just like anything else in the government, it takes time. It looks as though we will be able to complete this by the first week of February.

I have more information on these subjects that I will share in Las Vegas. Please try to attend the next LCAM/CAS meeting if at all possible. We need each other more than ever before. I will be contacting every site during the month of February to see how things are going at your site. If there is anything that I, or someone else, can do to help you please let me know. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Las Vegas.

*Darrell Tullock, CAS Manager,  
Network Co-Chairman*

## **Final words from the Editor**

I appreciate the input I have received for the newsletter, but some of you are still not sending me any information. It is really hard for everyone to know what is going on at your site unless you

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send me at least a paragraph about what kind of successes or failures you are experiencing. This newsletter is for us to be able to keep in touch with each other, please use it for that.

The LCAM/CAS Network meeting is right around the corner and you need to be sure you make your reservations by February 22, 1997, to assure that we can get the conference facilities at no charge. We need at least 25 rooms booked

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at the Plaza Hotel so please call today and make your reservations. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

*Terry Christie, CAS Inspector,  
Network Noise Editor*

**LCAM/CAS NETWORK MEETING  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA  
MARCH 25-27, 1997**

**MEETINGS TO BE HELD AT**

**JACKIE GAUGHAN'S PLAZA HOTEL**

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