

~ METER DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ~



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## FROM THE PROGRAM MANAGER

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Welcome to our October - November 2019 issue of the *Meter Data Management System (MDMS) Update*, designed to keep you informed on the growth and latest developments of the Meter Data Management System and the Army Metering Program.

The MDMS Outreach Team continues to provide many training opportunities and has published a list of training sessions—see below. The first 10 courses have been offered repeatedly throughout the year, and the remaining 12 courses will be under development and offered to our user community when ready. So stay tuned for more information on those courses.

On pages 2 and 3, we discuss the different uses and benefits of the Army Energy and Water Reporting System (AEWRS) and the Meter Data Management System (MDMS). While they both allow energy managers to analyze

and manage energy use for trends, measure progress toward energy goals/targets, and more effectively manage energy resources, there are some fundamental differences.

On pages 3 and 4, we detail two new reports: the Army AEWRS and the AEWRS Compared to MDMS reports. The Army AEWRS Report provides consumption values for the year selected by installation. The AEWRS Compared to MDMS report provides a comparison of AEWRS values to MDMS values for the year selected by installation.

As always, our mission is to improve the MDMS experience for end users. Your input is valuable, and we welcome your feedback via the Army Meter Service Desk (AMSD) at: <a href="mailto:usarmy.coe-huntsville.cehnc.mbx.armymeterhelp@">usarmy.coe-huntsville.cehnc.mbx.armymeterhelp@</a>



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## MDMS CURRENT CATALOG OF TRAINING SESSIONS

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The MDMS Outreach Team originally started with 18 training courses. After going through many iterations of the courses, we have combined a few and added some new courses—thus putting us currently at 22. The first 10 courses have been provided repeatedly this year. We are waiting for sites/installations to get to the next stages in their energy programs where they are ready for the next level of classes. Here is a breakdown of the sessions:

#### Basics

- 1. Basic orientation/overview
- 2. Setting up your dashboard
- Setting up billing
- 4. Checking meter status

### **Analytics**

- Basic Benchmarking (1st level) including plug load analysis
- Understanding and troubleshooting system overrides
- 7. Using MDMS for M&V (Active Energy Management)
- 8. 2nd level Benchmarking

- 9. Monitoring Commissioning (MCX) Process
- 10. Evaluating the Energy Use Intensity (EUI) report including Custom Usage comparison
- 11. Comparing EUI to other metrics
- 12. Setting up for energy projects
- 13. 3rd level Benchmarking
- 14. Advanced Analytics 1: AEWRS/MDMS
- 15. Advanced Analytics 2 (In development)
- 16. Advanced Analytics 3 (In development)

#### Normalization

- 17. Normalization for weather
- 18. Establishing potential savings for schedule
- 19. Establishing potential savings for base load
- 20. Establishing potential savings for lights
- 21. Establishing potential savings for Chiller
- 22. Establishing potential savings for AHUs/Pumps

Stay tuned, as the AMSD will send notifications when these additional courses are made available.



## **AEWRS VERSUS MDMS**

Both the Army Energy and Water Reporting System The other option available under the reports option is (AEWRS) and MDMS installations, commands, regions, and HQDA levels to analyze and manage energy use for trends, measure progress toward energy goals/targets, and more effectively manage energy resources. With that being said, what is the intended use and benefits of each of these systems to an **Energy Manager?** 

#### **AEWRS**

AEWRS is the Army's database of record for Energy and Water reporting. It is an assortment of data and reports that supports the collection of utility cost and consumption, electricity, heating fuels, water, and weather data for active Army, Reserve, and National Guard installations to fulfill and support DoD energy reporting requirements. It also provides management and analysis data to Installations, Command, Regions, and HQDA managers.

AEWRS also captures data on Outages, Metering, Demand MDMS delivers functional capabilities enabling Army Response, Cogeneration, private sector investment under energy professionals and Department of Public Works Energy Savings and Performance Contracts (ESPC) and (DPW) staff to understand facility energy use, pinpoint Utility Energy Services Contracts (UESC) programs. Information on renewable energy sources, water, energy management accomplishments of Army facilities, and how facilities are achieving their required Leadership in Energy required to perform energy engineering. and Environmental Design (LEED) certifications is also collected in this system. This data is useful for generating Annual Energy Report and general data tracking.

AEWRS facilitates requirements compliance with energy component loads (plug, air handling unit, lights, and chiller), initiatives and performance reporting to OSD and DOE. It automatic energy use threshold key element notifications, creates a standard reporting format and defines data energy systems override reports, and detailed customer requirements to help installations report consistent and billable applications with multiple configurable rate accurate information into the Annual Energy Management structures, including peak hours, and tiered thresholds. and Resilience Report (AEMRR) and quarterly program MDMS enables Army Energy Managers (EMs) and review.

Capabilities of the system include data entry and report/ graph creation to facilitate energy management. However, the data is only useful when it is timely and accurate. In accordance with AR 420-1, installations are required to Given the wide variety of tools, not all tools will serve report energy consumption monthly, water data is reported quarterly, and square footage data is imported quarterly. Information is input in the system via custom designed forms and retrieved in any of the pre-scripted reports. The to an image file (for graph/charts). commands validate that data and then certify/lock the data as complete and accurate for their individual installations. Reports may be output to PDF and Excel formats.

Pre-scripted reports are grouped under three sections:

- Square footage are found under this section except those Org FYTD, Cumulative Usage with Degree Days, Highest reports that support the Energy Annual Report.
- Energy Manager Reports all reports related to the GIS Map to name a few. Energy manager section are found under this report except • Energy Management - reports are grouped based on those that are used for annual reporting.
- found in this section.

allow energy managers at Graphs. Graphs are limited to energy and progress graphs.

All pre-scripted reports and graphs are limited by access level:

- · Installations have access to most reports but not to Management-level Reports.
- Command managers at AMC/IMCOM, ARNG, USAR and HQDA G-9 have access to all reports in AEWRS.

#### **MDMS**

The intent of the Army Meter Data Management System (MDMS) is to inform and enable resource efficiency-related decisions to improve performance, reduce energy and water use, decrease operations costs, and improve occupant satisfaction. Meter data analysis can highlight usage patterns and identify deviations from expected use. Entire-building metered data can support virtual or remote auditing and monitoring-based continuous commissioning. anomalies, track trends, benchmark building or installation performance, and identify effective savings opportunities by providing the information, tables, and/or calculations

These tools included facility energy consumption normalization by Square Foot, heating and cooling degree day (HDD/CDD) calculations, facility benchmarks for Resource Efficiency Managers (REMs) to exploit the MDMS data to save energy through monitoring performance and commissioning and meet energy program goals.

everyone to the same extent. Each garrison has the flexibility to use the tools as needed to complete their task. Most reports have the ability to be exported to Excel and/or

The MDMS reports and modules are grouped in the following functional areas:

- Home Dashboard users' configurable dashboard of up to 18 preconfigured report widgets that can be edited, • Utility Reports – all reports related to Utility, Water, and rearranged, replaced, or deleted, such as Total Energy by EUI Rank, Avg EUI by Cat Code & Climate Zone, and the
- Usage, Benchmarking, AEWRS, Energy Use Intensity and Annual Reports – reports related to the AEMRR are M&V (Energy Projects). Reports under Usage include Interval, Hourly, Daily, Monthly, (Continued on pg.3)



# AEWRS VERSUS MDMS (CONT. FROM PG. 2)

and Custom Usage Reports, as well as Daily Comparison. Reports under Benchmarking include Interval kW, Base Load Comparison, and Override Rollup Report. Reports under AEWRS include AEWRS FYTD Comparison, Army AEWRS Report, AEWRS Compared to MDMS, Modeled Consumption Report.

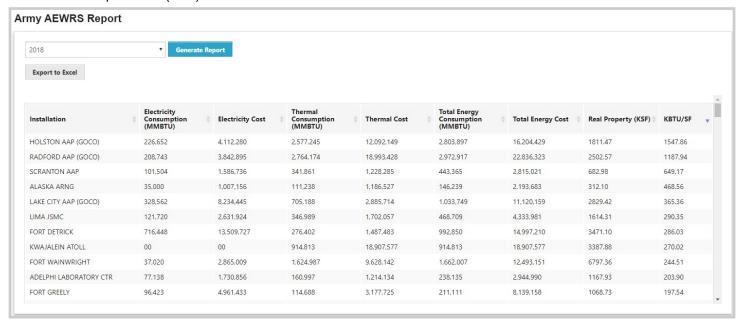
- Network Status reports for checking the health and status of the meter network.
- Meter Readings provides the raw meter readings, power factor, peak demand, and average demand for the selected meter(s).
- Meter Inventory one-time data stream provided to USACE during the FY16 meter inventory effort.
- Self Service enables users to add new, modify, and save contextual data about buildings or meters via the Tagging functionality and also enables users to add new, modify and save a Custom Group of buildings or meters for energy reporting.
- Customer Billing allows the creation of rates and bills, tracking of existing bills and charges, and updating customer information as necessary.
- Library collection of training videos and documentation.

MDMS reports are not limited by access level. Any user can run any level of reports.

## ADDITIONAL AEWRS REPORTS AVAILABLE

In an ongoing effort to provide users with more tools to help with their analysis and reporting needs, two more AEWRS report modules have been added to MDMS. They will be briefed here.

The **Army AEWRS Report** provides consumption values for the year selected by installation. The report shows the consumption and cost of each commodity, including total consumption and cost, as well as the Real Property Footage in thousands of square feet (KSF) and the KBTU/SF.



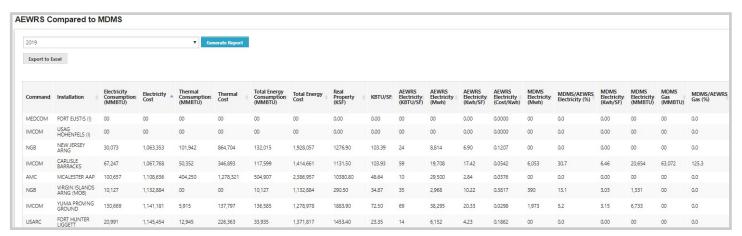
Clicking on any of the report column headings will sort the list in ascending or descending order. The first click will sort the data in ascending order. An additional click will sort the data in descending order. If results are sorted, a blue arrow icon appears to the right of the column heading. A blue arrow facing down indicates descending order (in above example, the KBTU/SF column is sorted in descending order), while a blue arrow facing up indicates ascending order. The scrollbar on the right scrolls through all results. This report may be exported to Excel. (Continued on pg.4)



# ADDITIONAL AEWRS REPORTS AVAILABLE (CONT. FROM PG. 3)

The **AEWRS Compared to MDMS** report provides a comparison of AEWRS values to MDMS values for the year selected by installation. The report shows the AEWRS consumption and cost of each commodity, including total consumption and cost, as well as the Real Property Footage in thousands of square feet (KSF) and the KBTU/SF, as is shown in the previously discussed Army AEWRS Report. Additionally, this report shows the following comparison values:

- AEWRS Electricity in KBTU/SF
- AEWRS Electricity in Mph
- AEWRS Electricity in Kwh/SF
- AEWRS Electricity Cost/Kwh
- MDMS Electricity in Mwh
- % Electricity in MDMS versus AEWRS
- MDMS Electricity in Kwh/SF
- MDMS Electricity in MMBTU
- MDMS Gas in MMBTU
- % Gas in MDMS versus AEWRS
- MDMS Total Electricity & Gas in MMBTU
- % Total Electricity & Gas in MDMS versus AEWRS
- MDMS Real Property Square Footage in SF
- % SF in MDMS versus AEWRS



As with the Army AEWRS Report, clicking on any of the report column headings will sort the list in ascending or descending order. This report may also be exported to Excel. Since the screenshot above was unable to capture the entire report, the last four columns of the report are shown here to the right.

This report provides a lot of value to the Energy Manager in comparing the data of the two reporting systems. For example, the value of MDMS/AEWRS Electricity (%) should compare to the value of MDMS/AEWRS SF (%) for your installation. If the value of MDMS/AEWRS Electricity (%) is significantly higher than the value of MDMS/AEWRS SF (%), you are most likely double-counting meters somewhere. If the value of MDMS/AEWRS Electricity (%) is significantly lower than the value of MDMS/AEWRS SF (%), you most likely have meter multipliers off somewhere.

For more information about this report and its intended uses and benefits, join one of our training sessions on Advanced Analytics 1: AEWRS/MDMS.

MDMS Total Electricity & Gas (MMBTU)	MDMS/AEWRS Total Electricity & Gas (%)	MDIMS Real Property (SF)	MDMS/AEWRS SF (%)
00	0.0	00	0.0
00	0.0	00	0.0
00	0.0	213,814	16.7
83,726	71.2	936,808	82.8
00	0.0	00	0.0
1,331	13.1	128,907	44.4
6,733	4.9	627,204	33.3
00	0.0	337,000	23.2

