

NIMS IRIS

NIMS Incident Resource Inventory System (IRIS)



The National Preparedness Directorate (NPD) has developed and posted on the FEMA website a "no cost" resource inventory tool – the National Incident Management System Incident Resource Inventory System (NIMS IRIS). NIMS IRIS allows emergency management/response officials to enter typed and non-typed resources into a common database, and to search for/identify specific resources for incident operations and mutual aid purposes.

NIMS IRIS features the capability for users to inventory resources and share resource information with other agencies. Furthermore, users are able to define non-typed resources and select specific resources for mutual aid purposes based upon mission requirements, the capability and availability of resources, and desired response times.

NIMS IRIS 2.2 is the latest version of the tool, which may be accessed at <http://www.fema.gov/nims> or by contacting staff at IRIS@NIMSSC.net. This version allows users to:

- Associate contracts and certifications to resources, and add and remove multiple files associated with contracts.
- Add a new definition to an existing typed resource.
- Change the present location of multiple resources at one time.

- View the date, time and user associated with changes made to the resource inventory.
- Back up and recover their NIMS IRIS data.

It also provides an integrated help function with tips for entering data, as well as other usability improvements. The website above provides information and downloads for upgrading a system with an older version of NIMS IRIS.

For assistance installing and using IRIS, contact the IRIS Help Desk at: IRIS@NIMSSC.net. Suggestions on future enhancements to IRIS may also be directed to the IRIS Help Desk.

NIMS IRIS:

- Assists communities in inventorying and typing resources in accordance with NIMS concepts/principles and provides quick access to resources to support emergency response operations.
- Ensures that a "no cost" resource management tool is available to support response operations.
- Improves the nation's capability to identify and acquire a typed resource.



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