

NFPORS Users Group Conference Call
December 17, 2003

Attendees: Tricia Roller, Tim McGrath, Mike Van Hemelryck, Russ Berry, Sandy Gregory, Pat Moore, Brandon Brown, Peter Bedker, Bob Appling, Bob Lineback, Ken Cushing, Susan Lee, Ted Tower, Neal Bush, Rick Willoughby, Rich Schwab, Jeff Waalkes, Chris Pharr (BAH) and David Donovan (BAH).

Progress to date was discussed. The Community Assistance meeting in Reston addressed issues of what actual accomplishments are in terms of performance measures and interpreted the requirements so data could be collected for Version 2 of the Community Assistance module. Activities will be connected with Communities at Risk and there will be improved links to the hazardous fuels treatments.

Delivery Date: March 2004

In the meantime: Use the current module

The NFPORS documentation library was set up at the NFPORS website and a mass mailing documenting this was sent to every user.

Items on the agenda for this call: Quality Assurance Reports and the Dashboard

The QA rules were sent out by Peter earlier asking for recommendations for changes. Comments were received from Brandon, Pat, Ted and Ken.

In discussion, a decision was made that the FY03 quality assurance corrections for locked FY03 activities and treatment specific fields would be dropped from the current report. The release is due out tonight. There will be a sentence in the release history to identify this change. A recommendation to unlock all fields for updates to FY03 information was not approved by the User Group. Ken notes that there were discrepancies in the FY03 dashboard reports; he has noted differences in the number of acres reported on three different dates since the database was locked down for FY03. He will send reports showing the discrepancies to Russ.

Rule 5 was discussed. Peter will revisit the wording used to define the rule.

Russ agreed to do some investigation into planned direct costs obligated in FY03 showing up in FY04 reports even when filtered out of the report.

A lengthy discussion followed on reporting pre- and post-treatment condition class. It was agreed that the pre-treatment planned and initiated treatments could have hard rules requiring that the data be entered before the treatment is accepted. This would not be possible with post-treatment observations as the FS enters the treatment as accomplished when the contract is let. It should be possible to require all non-contracted treatments have a post-treatment observation entered when the actual accomplishment is entered. For pre-treatment observation of planned treatments there will be a business rule requiring entry of a pre-treatment observation for current and next year treatments.

Condition class was discussed as it pertains to post-treatment observations being made immediately after the treatment is completed versus over time. Various means were discussed from flagging treatments to appear at the end of the year, requiring an observation at that time, to producing a report showing the treatments needing a one year observation. At this point, the protocol for monitoring needs to be established and then a rule added. This is definitely a discussion the fuels group should have.

Peter will capture the problem.

Summary of Recommendations:

- 1) Change enforcement of QA Rule #3 (Treatment is initiated but there is no Pre-Treatment Condition Class Observation) from to a DCT business rule that would prevent users from entering actual initiation dates and actual accomplishments if there is no pretreatment condition class observation.
- 2) Produce ad hoc report that shows Treatment Units that have completed Treatments but have shown no improvement in the condition class for more than one year and therefore may require a subsequent CC observation.

All: Send comments to Russ on the conference call. What is needed? Does it need to be facilitated?

Next call on January 21 at 3:00 p.m. EST.