

Systems Administrator Conference Call
July 20, 1999, 10:00 CST

(NOTE: This was a short call with few participants)

1. Acrobat 4 - A question was brought up as to the compatibility of Acrobat 4 and Acrobuild. Greg Porycky (St. Paul District) had heard that Acrobuild will not compile Acrobat 4 files. No one on the conference call had tested Acrobat 4 yet. If you have experience with these 2 products and how they work together, either e-mail Mary Diel (mdiel@spk.usace.army.mil) with your comments and she will forward them on to the group or present your experiences at the next conference call.
2. EBS - There was a short discussion on EBS and continuous tone raster files. No new solutions or techniques to report.
3. Mary Diel (Sacramento District) brought up the subject of software (Microstation and Intergraph) maintenance and the cost vs. the benefits. Do you feel that the costs outweigh the benefits? Have you gone (or are you now going) without maintenance? If so, has it been painful? How do you justify the costs to your budget makers? One district stated that they had gone without for a six month period and found it very painful. Another mentioned that they weren't using theirs very much and weren't sure that it was worth the money. If you have any comments for either side of this issue, please e-mail Mary (mdiel@spk.usace.army.mil) with them.
4. Lynn Riggs (St. Paul District) stated that his district is not pleased with the color/pen assignments in the Tri-Service standards and that his district is working to get them changed and would like the support of this group. If you have any opinions on the color assignments (love them/hate them), please e-mail Lynn (LYNN.A.RIGGS@USACE.ARMY.MIL) with your arguments.
5. Next meeting: Aug. 17, 1999, 10:00 CST, Phone # (404) 562-4365.