

# 1.0 Overview

The Federal Emergency Management Information System (FEMIS<sup>®</sup>)<sup>(a)</sup> information resources are described in this *FEMIS Data Management Guide*. To comprehend what types of data are present, where the data is located, and how it is managed during the life span of the system, a basic understanding of the FEMIS architecture is necessary. Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL)<sup>(b)</sup> developed the system under the direction of the US Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command (SBCCOM). FEMIS was initially designed for Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) sites that have multiple Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs). FEMIS has been expanded to allow EOCs to use the system for non-CSEPP emergencies, such as floods.

Each EOC has personal computers (PCs) that emergency planners and operations personnel use to do their jobs. These PCs are connected via a local area network (LAN) to servers that provide efficient EOC-wide services. All EOCs are interconnected via telecommunications links.

FEMIS is a client/server system where much of the application software is located on the client PC. This client software consists of the FEMIS application, government furnished dispersion models, and Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS) software tools, such as the ArcView geographic information system (GIS).

A UNIX server provides data management services, ARC/INFO GIS capabilities, and meteorological (Met) input processing.

Figure 1.1 illustrates a conceptual view of FEMIS and the types of information required. Much of this information is located in the Oracle database management system (DBMS). Between EOCs, the DBMSs cooperate to share data, which allows multiple PC users to share the information while maintaining the integrity and persistence of the data. The user then adds information, makes decisions, displays maps, or uses other FEMIS functionality. Decisions and/or information are passed back to the FEMIS database and notifications are made to the FEMIS users. Other information exists on the UNIX file system and the Met server. Table 1.1 summarizes the types of relational data used by FEMIS and the general use of that data.

**Note:** See the *FEMIS Installation Guide* for assistance with creating the database and installing Oracle on the server as well as the relational database management system (RDBMS). See the *FEMIS System Administration Guide* for database administration tools. See the online Troubleshooting Guide for error messages and known problems as well as suggestions to resolve these errors and problems.

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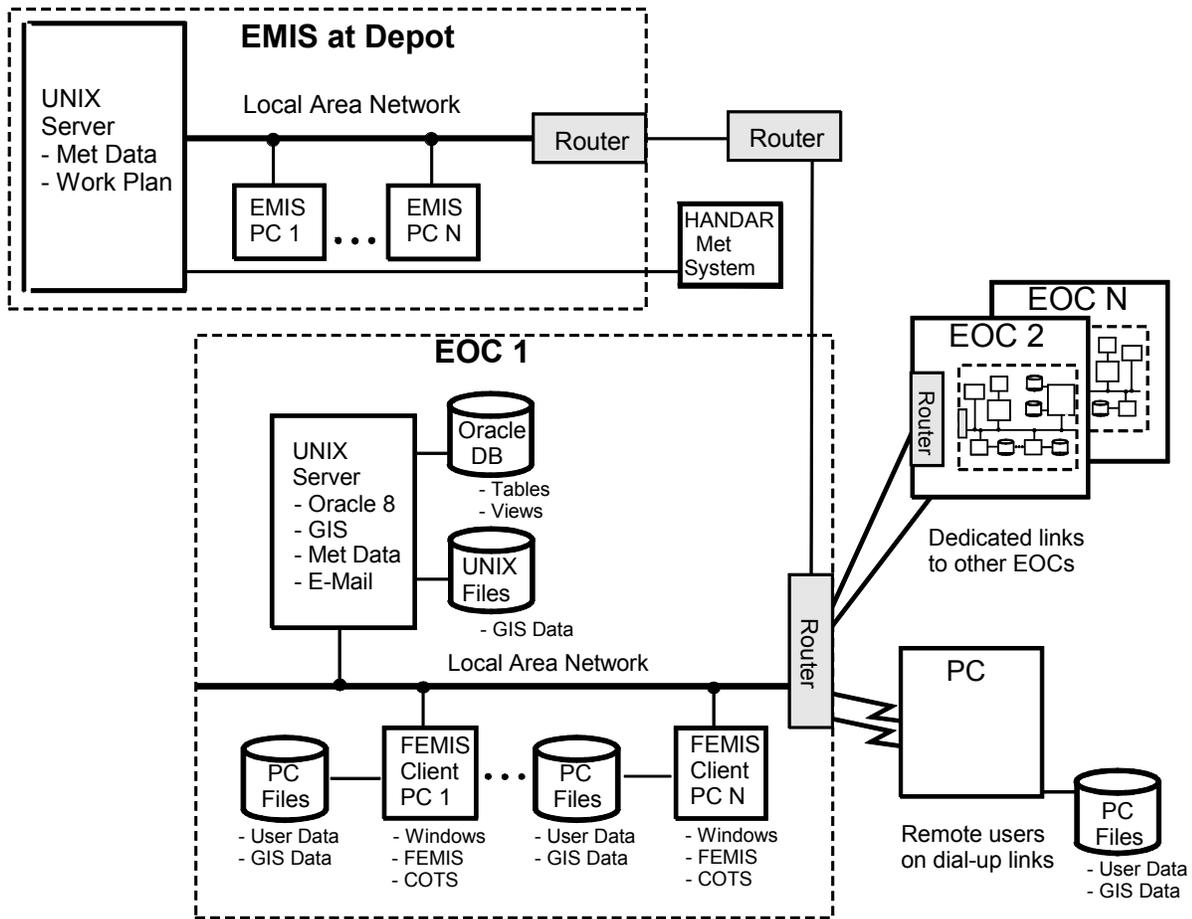


Figure 1.1. Conceptual View of FEMIS

Table 1.1. Types of Relational Data and General Use Description

Data Type	Data Use Description
D2PC Data	Relational data tables used by the dispersion model
Electronic Plan Data	Supporting electronic planning information
Facility Data	Facility, resource, and shelter information
Hazard Data	Supporting multi-hazard planning and operations use
Meteorological Data	Weather conditions and tower information
Personnel Data	Person and organization information and user control data
Population Data	Population information including special populations
Resource Data	Resources and Memoranda of Understanding information
Risk Data	Plumes, wedges, threatened areas, and Protective Action Decisions (PADs)/Protective Action Recommendations (PARs) information
Site Data	CSEPP site information including EOC data
Source Data	Chemical agents, munitions, bunkers, events, and casualties data

Data Type	Data Use Description
Spatial Data	Relational data supporting the GIS
Work Plan Data	Work Plans, Maximum Credible Event (MCE) data, the journal, and D2PC case management data
Zone Data	Emergency planning zones information

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## 1.2 Document Organization

This document is organized into nine sections and four appendices that contain supporting information.

- Section 1.0 – Overview – contains an overview for managing the FEMIS data.
- Section 2.0 – Resource Documents – lists documents referenced or used as resources for this document.
- Section 3.0 – Building the Initial Information – describes how the initial information was compiled and how the relational and spatial data were initially loaded.
- Section 4.0 – Managing Relational Data – discusses how the relational data is managed during system operation.
- Section 5.0 – Managing Spatial Data – describes how the spatial data is managed during system operation.
- Section 6.0 – Managing Exercise Data – discusses how the exercise data is managed.
- Section 7.0 – Managing Meteorological (Met) Data – discusses how the real-time meteorological data is managed.

- Section 8.0 – Managing D2PC Model Data – discusses how the D2PC model data is managed. Subsections describe creating, opening, saving, deleting, importing, and exporting a case.
- Section 9.0 – Folder Management and Archiving – discusses external storage, folder data collection, archiving D2PC cases, and archiving limitations.
- Appendix A – Site Survey Form – consists of a Site Survey form example. The site specific survey was used to collect an essential set of site parameters needed to preset the site database.
- Appendix B – FEMIS Database Changes – consists of the Oracle database schema and GIS changes that have been implemented for FEMIS v1.5.3.
- Appendix C – FEMIS Data Dictionary – consists of the FEMIS data dictionary, which is a dynamic listing of the current database.
- Appendix D – Database Data Models – consists of the FEMIS main data model.

### 1.3 Software Products

FEMIS integrates the following COTS software products.

**Table 1.2.** Integrated COTS Software Products

Software Application	Software Company
ArcView GIS	Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI)
Microsoft Windows NT/2000	Microsoft Corporation
Oracle and Oracle ODBC Driver	Oracle Corporation
Solaris	Sun Microsystems, Inc.

FEMIS integrates the following government-furnished software products.

D2PC (February 2000)	US Army SBCCOM
PARDOS v3.1 (May 1997)	US Army SBCCOM