

# Release Notes for FEMIS v1.5.3 SR1

## What's New in FEMIS v1.5.3 SR1

FEMIS v1.5.3 SR1 is a maintenance release consisting of modifications to the Web OSB portion of FEMIS v1.5.3. As a result of these modifications, Web OSB is a more reliable and more useful application. Modifications and improvements are described below.

### Sorting

You can now sort by column headings with a single click on any heading that is underlined. The sort order is reversed (ascending or descending) by clicking on the row header a second time. A small triangle indicates which column you have sorted and whether it was sorted by ascending or descending order. This feature will be useful on the Select Status Board and Select Shared Report pages.

### List Based Status Boards

You can now edit and save changes to a single item in a list based status board.

### Improved Usability

Several changes have been made to enhance usability:

- Each page has control buttons (Add, Edit, Delete, Save, Back, Close) on both the top and bottom of the page. Previously, when there were a large number of status boards or the length of a detail page was longer than your screen, the user had to scroll back to the top to access the control buttons.
- Navigation has been improved by adding a Home button to some pages in the upper left corner of the page. Clicking the Home button takes you back to the Select Mode page. This provides a way for you to easily move from shared reports to site defined status boards.
- The Select Mode page remembers the last context used in the current session, such as the exercise, EOC, and hazard. This makes it easier for you to be sure you are viewing the desired data after switching modes – shared reports and status boards.
- Columns for last edit date and privileges have been added to the Select Status Board page. This allows you to sort by date or by the status boards you have privileges to access.
- The add/edit confirmation page has been eliminated.
- Pages have been rearranged to provide more area for the status boards themselves. For example, context information about hazard, exercise number, and EOC name, which is usually not the most important information to the user, has been moved from the top to the bottom of the page. Help, Home, Refresh, and New Data buttons are arranged to maximize the area for the status board information. Table and list based status boards have the name of the status board being viewed displayed more prominently.
- The title of pages displaying list or table based status boards now match the names of the status boards. This makes it easier to restore a status board from the task bar after status board pages have been minimized.
- Unneeded columns on the Select Status Board page have been removed.

## Improved Use of Default Values

Web OSB now uses default values from the status board design.

- Web OSB now uses specified defaults (initial values) for these field types: text, number, datetime, time, YesNo, and category.
- Text and number fields do not allow adding more characters than the specified field lengths.

## Color Coded Categorical Attributes

Both the table based status board spreadsheet and the table based status board details now color code cells for categorical values that contain recognized color names. The recognized color names are black, white, gray, red, blue, green, yellow, orange, purple, cyan, aqua, magenta, fuchsia, brown, tan, violet, and pink.

## Added Working Scroll Bar in View Mode

Even if you only have view privileges, you can now view all of the information on the details pages by using the scroll bars.

## Help

Each page has access to online help. The help provides a table of contents that is always displayed on the left of the page. Help describes the function and use of each page, includes a troubleshooting page to help you resolve problems, and tips on creating status boards.

## Locking

Web OSB now uses a locking method which greatly reduces the risk of multiple users simultaneously editing the same record. Web OSB will no longer allow a user to edit a record locked by another FEMIS user.

## Use Across Hazards, Exercises, Folders, and EOCs

The previous, prototype version of Web OSB was primarily intended for use in the current hazard, in a single exercise and folder, and in a single EOC. Web OSB v1.5.3 SR1 addresses the use across these four contexts. Data shared across contexts is correct and available in all contexts. Notification across contexts is also much improved; exceptions tend to be in notifications of design changes and in contexts other than the current hazard.

## Improved Use of Geographic Attributes

- The drop-down menu lists objects from the correct exercise.
- Objects selected from the drop-down lists in Web OSB can also be used by the FEMIS application.
- After a geographic location has been entered from a status board, it can be cleared and a different object selected from the drop-down lists after clicking the Select button (map icon) in Web OSB and the Clear button on the Select Location window.