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E-SMS PRODUCTION LAUNCH

We are excited to announce that the Enterprise Sustainment Management System (E-SMS) production environment is officially ready to go live. This major milestone is the result of dedicated collaboration between participating military Services, defense Agencies, and the Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (CERL) team.

With the production environment established, we are now building the migration schedule. Organizations are encouraged to connect with their designated CERL representative to coordinate the transition of their BUILDER instances into E-SMS. Further details and scheduling timelines will be shared as the migration queue is finalized. Contact the SMS Helpdesk with questions.

2026 SMS VIRTUAL SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

On September 1–2, 2026, the Sustainment Management System Technical Center of Expertise hosted the 2026 SMS Virtual Summit, convening Department of War facility managers, asset management practitioners, and external industry partners. The gathering focused on the impending launch and evolution of the Enterprise Sustainment Management System (E-SMS). As a unified, cloud-native application, E-SMS brings all domains into a single modern platform designed to support objective, data-informed decisions.

The summit highlighted significant technical advancements achieved over the past year through an accelerated development cycle that produced thirty-six platform releases, 90 new capabilities, and more than 600 bug fixes. The development team successfully leveraged super intelligence tools to accelerate delivery, saving an estimated four person-months of labor. A full-scale internal test confirmed readiness by successfully migrating over 356,000 real property assets and 7.8 million components from across the DoW. This

test verified platform stability ahead of the phased rollout and a significant data roll-up optimization, with a calculation for the entire department accomplished in approximately six hours.

Attendees also previewed new capabilities in the Web Application, which features interactive map-based navigation, tailored CSV data exports, and the Workspaces feature which enables assessors to securely download scoped asset inventories to mobile devices, conduct offline condition assessments in the Field Application, and validate quality in the Web Application before merging changes into production data.

SUMMIT RESOURCES

Access all recordings, presentation slides, and the official Executive Summary through the SMS Learning Management System (LMS).

Users who do not currently hold an SMS Training account can create one here.

Contact the SMS Helpdesk for assistance.

Keynote speaker Mr. Mark Sinder, Deputy Assistant Secretary of War for Infrastructure Modernization and Resilience, addressed the strategic connection between asset data and capital investment. Highlighting substantial statutory increases in Facilities, Sustainment, Restoration, and Modernization funding, Mr. Sinder stressed that leadership relies on high-quality, objective metrics to justify budget allocations. Underscoring that funding directly corresponds with data fidelity, he urged installations to use the platform continuously for tactical decisions and acquisition reforms, such as bundling major facility replacements. Concluding his address, Mr. Sinder challenged the community to accelerate E-SMS to complete maturity through innovative methodologies, reiterating that his office is open to any and all ideas from government and industry partners to improve the system and the processes it supports.

The SMS Summit also explored specialized asset domains, third-party integration frameworks, and forward-looking research partnerships. Dedicated sessions demonstrated capabilities for utilities, rail, and water control structures, while the USACE Office of Research and Technology Transfer presented patent licensing pathways for external partners. Additional briefings covered strategic portfolio optimization alongside academic partnerships with the Air Force Institute of Technology and the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering to apply machine learning to assessor training and automated visual damage assessments.

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It is an exciting time for the Enterprise Sustainment Management System (E-SMS) community. As both the E-SMS Web Application and E-SMS Field Application move forward into production, staying

current on the latest features, functional enhancements, and bug fixes is more important than ever for asset managers, field assessors, and technical leadership.

Published alongside each new update, the official release notes deliver clear, itemized summaries of:

- **New Capabilities & Enhancements:** Early visibility into newly added interface tools, domain specific features, and workflow optimizations.
- **Bug Fixes & Performance Improvements:** Detailed documentation of resolved issues and optimizations across both the web and mobile platforms.

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