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From uucp Wed May 31 01:30 CDT 1995
>From uucp Wed May 31 01:45 CDT 1995 remote from nssc386
>From harvey Tue May 30 00:08 CDT 1995 remote from ames
To: nssc2!nssc600!jculver
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Date: May 30, 1995

To: Soil Dataset Managers

Subject: ISU Mainframe Computer Replacement

***** IMPORTANT NOTICE *****

As part of ongoing changes in the computing environment at Iowa State University, the computation center is currently in the process of replacing its mainframe computer and associated disk storage. The NRCS soils databases will continue to be available on this new mainframe for another year, until June 1996. This current change in mainframe computers should be transparent to NRCS users. The university expects to gain a significant reduction in system maintenance costs, thus making the change worthwhile at this time.

During the next two or three weeks, users may experience some system down time in which the soils database or the computer itself is unavailable. Attempts are being made to minimize down time during working hours.

If testing continues to go well, the new mainframe computer is scheduled to be put into production, replacing the current computer, on Saturday, June 3. The system will be down all that day. Late that day, the new computer will be put into production.

No jobs will be carried over from the old mainframe to the new mainframe. Therefore, NRCS users should not submit jobs late in the week and expect to retrieve the output the next Monday, June 5. All jobs currently in the output queue should be retrieved prior to June 3. All NRCS users may want to log in to Ames and check if they have any output to retrieve. On Monday, June 5, you should be able to resume normal processing.

After the new computer is put into production, some work remains to be done. Some time during the week or two following, user databases will be moved to new disk drives. Again, attempts will be made to minimize user interruptions.

In summary, NRCS remote users of the ISU mainframe computer may possibly experience short periods of system down time over the next two or three weeks. Also, most importantly, remote users should not leave any job output in the system over the June 3 weekend. Retrieve all job output before that time.

I hope my explanation is clear and the inconvenience is not too

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great. Contact me if you have questions.

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