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Subject: Alter flags and version dates

We wish to draw attention to the rules for alter flags (in connection with system-identifiers) and version dates.

- 1. Alter flags .
  - "C the record flagged has been Corrected. In the case of the SUBENT record, the subentry has been corrected". Refer EXFOR manual page II.6.
- 2. Version dates.

"SUBENT N<sub>1</sub> N<sub>2</sub>

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N<sub>2</sub> - Date of <u>last</u> alter (or date of entry if never altered)"

Refer EXFOR manual page III.6 and similar rule for ENTRY, page III.5.

It appears that NNCSC is inconsistent in its use of these flags and dates.

For example, in TRANS 1051, dated 760324, entry 10027:

in subentry 001

an important change is indicated under HISTORY, dated 760301, but there is no 'C' in column 80 of the SUBENT record, and N<sub>2</sub> in the SUBENT record is 720718;

in subentry 024

an insertion, STATUS, was made, but there is no 'C' in column 80 of the SUBENT record and N<sub>2</sub> in the SUBENT record is 710728;

in subentry 025

an insertion, STATUS, was made and the ISO-QUANT was corrected, but there is no 'C' in column 80 of the SUBENT record and N2 in the SUBENT record is 720328.

Similar errors appear in entry 10123 on the same TRANS file.

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NDS is in the process of completely revising its index and retrieval programs and will make use of the version dates and alter flags as specified in the EXFOR manual and will find it very disturbing if the rules are not adhered to. May we ask NNCSC to use the flags and dates correctly in the future? Of course, we do not expect retransmissions only for the purpose of correcting the previous errors.