

Feedback on November 19, 2004 CRSC meeting from Dofasco

My comments are mainly about the format of the data file. I think I mentioned before that Dofasco does not want to see any changes to the format of the data files. We have software that reads the files and populates our databases with the data. Any change to the structure of the files will require a complete revision of the software, which our IT department currently does not have resources to do. Also, we have no XML experienced personnel. We would strongly recommend that any changes be done by adding charge types only, as that is easily accomplished in our system. Even adding columns to the current structure would cause us difficulty

As for the new charge types, as long as they can be added within the current structure, we have no problems with them, as our system is designed to hold all the data, regardless of charge type. If we determine that we need the DAM data we would already have it in our database can query it appropriately.