



Change in Cadastral Specification

Announcement

Currently the Urban (formerly MISAM) and Rural (formerly PARCEL) cadastral mapping datasets reside in different mapping specifications. A combined or “common” mapping specification has been developed into which both data sets are migrated and maintained, which is called the ‘common cadastral spec’.

SDW/AltaLIS is planning to make the ‘common cadastral spec’ the new standard specification and will discontinue distribution of the Urban and Rural specifications effective July 2003.

Please find a spreadsheet attached that describes the common cadastral spec relative to the Urban and Rural specs. This change is to the levels and symbology only, and clients will continue to have the option of purchasing cadastral mapping in UTM (Rural), 3TM (Urban) or 10TM (Common) projections.

History

Since 1998, AltaLIS has maintained the data in a common data specification and converted the data back to the Urban and Rural specifications at the end of each month for distribution. In November of 2001, letters and samples were sent to over 50 of our users requesting feedback on the proposed common specification under recommendations from the cadastral external advisory group. The user group responded overwhelmingly in favor of the common cadastral spec, noting that a standard in cadastral mapping would be beneficial to them.

Background

In 1997, AltaLIS Ltd. was selected by Spatial Data Warehouse to manage, maintain, market, and distribute the Government of Alberta’s cadastral digital mapping data. Cadastral mapping is a continuously evolving compilation of all plans of survey registered with Alberta Land Titles. This mapping depicts lot lines, road limits, right of way limits and other information found on plans of survey, and is updated thousands of times each year as new plans of survey are registered.

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