

# **Southern Appalachian Regional Information System SARIS**

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## **SARIS node of the National Geospatial Data Clearinghouse**

We continued our correspondence with Federal Geographic Data Committee staff on the Isite software issues, and performed extensive tests with many different configurations and file types, but our server still freezes when responding to spatial queries as opposed to keyword and text queries. Supposedly the FGDC contractor responsible for maintenance of the software is working on a fix.

SAIC is planning to generate some 30 metadata files for the best-documented SAA datasets. Their “Don’t Duck Metadata” deadline is in mid August. Wolf Naegeli has had telephone conversations with Mark van Witzenburg and Linda Talarico, and offered additional help to make sure the metadata will be as accurate and comprehensive as possible. They may consider revising their selection of data sets, or even including additional ones, but they have not been ready yet for a meeting to discuss details.

## **Database and other software**

The lyris communications-server software on SunSITE has been down for several days and we have not received an indication yet from the system administration as to the reasons. Meanwhile Lyrix has released version 4.0 of lyris, so we may take this opportunity to upgrade at this time before making SARIS communications tools publicly available.

We still are waiting for ArcIMS 3.0. Meanwhile we have taken care of work for other sponsors to make sure we have plenty of time to bring it up in SARIS quickly after it arrives.