



**Environmental
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Managing the Unit

Introduction

Available interfaces

The stand-alone Environmental Monitoring Unit performs continuous temperature and humidity sensing and contact monitoring. You can manage the unit through Web, Control Console, or SNMP interfaces.

- Remotely, you can manage the unit with a Web browser using the Web interface or with Telnet using the Control Console interface.
- Locally, you can manage the unit through a serial interface, using the Control Console.

Note: For information on using SNMP to manage the Environmental Monitoring Unit, see [page 23](#).

Configuring network settings

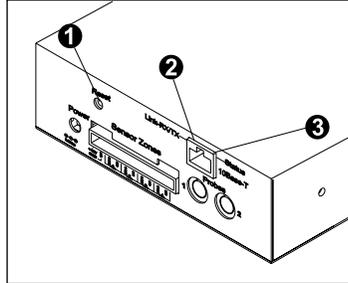
Before you manage the Environmental Monitoring Unit remotely, you must configure it with the proper network settings. See the *Environmental Monitoring Unit Installation and Quick Start Manual*, included in printed form and on this CD in PDF.

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LEDs and the Reset Button

Front Panel Features

The reset button and two LEDs are on the front panel of the Environmental Monitoring Unit.



Descriptions

| No. | Feature | Description |
|-----|----------------|--|
| ❶ | Reset button | Reinitializes the unit's network interface. |
| ❷ | Link-RX/TX LED | <i>Off:</i> The device that connects the unit to the network (a router, hub, or concentrator) is off or not operating correctly. <i>Flashing green:</i> The unit is receiving data packets from the network. |
| ❸ | Status LED | <i>Off:</i> The unit has no power. <i>Solid green:</i> The unit has valid network settings. <i>Flashing green:</i> The unit does not have valid network settings. <i>Solid red:</i> A hardware failure has been detected in the unit. <i>Blinking Red (Slowly):</i> The unit is making BOOTP requests. |

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Web Interface

System requirements

To access the Web interface, you need one of the following supported Web browsers:

- Internet Explorer 3.0.2 and later
- Netscape 3.0 and later

Note: Some Web interface features (data verification, APC Interactive Assistant, and MD5 authentication) require that you enable Java Script and/or Java. For MD5 to function properly, you must also have cookies enabled on your Web browser.

Access to the Web interface

Only one user at a time may access the Environmental Monitoring Unit. Serial interface users have precedence over Telnet users and Telnet users have precedence over Web users.

In the URL Location field of your Web browser, type `http://` followed by your unit's IP address. For example:

```
http://170.241.17.51
```

Note: Alternatively, you can enter the DNS name (if a DNS server entry is configured for the unit's management card).

If the unit's Web port is set to a value other than 80, enter the System IP address, a colon and the port value (in this example 8000).

```
http://170.241.17.51:8000
```

Logging in

After entering the Environmental Monitoring Unit's IP address, press ENTER. At the prompts, enter your user name and password (**apc** by default for both).

Note: To change the user name, password, or time-out value, see **User Manager on page 16**.

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Control Console

Options for using the Control Console

The Control Console provides comprehensive management of the unit by one of the following modes of access:

- Telnet, for remote management
- A serial interface for local management

Access to the Control Console

Only one user at a time may access the Environmental Monitoring Unit. Serial interface users have precedence over Telnet users, and Telnet users have precedence over Web users.

Use a serial interface to access the Control Console:

1. Use the supplied configuration cable (APC part number 940-0120) to connect the terminal port to one of the Probe Ports on the Environmental Monitoring Unit.
2. Set the terminal port for the following communication settings:

| | |
|---------------|--------------|
| Baud Rate | 2400 |
| Data Bits | 8 |
| Stop Bits | 1 |
| Parity | None |
| Handshaking | None |
| Local Echo | Off |
| Terminal Type | ANSI (VT100) |

3. To change the communications settings using HyperTerminal:
 - a. Make the needed changes.
 - b. Select **Disconnect** in the **Call** menu.
 - c. Select **Connect** in the **Call** menu.
 - d. Press ENTER
4. Log into the Control Console. (See **Logging in on this page.**)

Logging in

When prompted, enter the Administrator user name and password (**apc**, by default, for both).

To change the user name, password, or timeout value, see **User Manager on page 16.**

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Control Console *continued*

Navigating the menus

Within the menu structure:

- To select a menu item, type the item number, then press ENTER.
- To save changes to configurable values, use the **Accept Changes** menu option.
- To refresh the current menu, Press ENTER.
- To go to the previous menu, Press ESC.
- to access brief descriptions of the current menu items, Type ? and then press ENTER (if the menu has help available).
- To return to the main Control Console menu, use CTRL-C.

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Password-Protected User Accounts

Types of accounts

The Environmental Monitoring Unit provides two password-protected accounts, Administrator and Device Manager, that allow you to control access to the device. To configure the accounts, see **User Manager on page 16**

Account access to management menus

| Management Menus | Account Type | |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| | Administrator | Device Manager |
| Environmental Monitoring | Yes | Yes |
| Event Log | Yes | Yes |
| Network | Yes | No |
| System | Yes | No |
| Logout | Yes | Yes |
| Help | Yes | Yes |
| Link | Yes | Yes |

Menu Items

Introduction

Interface similarities and differences

The information in this section is based on the Web interface. The Control Console interface varies slightly, but offers the same capabilities for managing the Environmental Monitoring Unit.

Your access to menus is determined by the account under which you logged in. See [Password-Protected User Accounts on page 6](#).

Contents of this section

This section provides information on the following menus:

- [Environmental Monitoring on page 8](#)
- [Events on page 10](#)
- [Network on page 12](#)
- [System on page 16](#)
- [Help on page 20](#)

Note: To manage the unit with SNMP, see [page 23](#).

Menu Items

Environmental Monitoring

Purpose

Use the Environmental Monitoring menu to configure settings for monitoring contact closures and for obtaining information about the temperature and humidity sensed by up to two probes.

Status: probes

| Item | Definition |
|----------------------------|---|
| Temperature | Reports the temperature (Celsius) sensed by the unit's probes. |
| High Temperature Violation | Reports whether current temperature exceeds the high temperature threshold (Yes or No) or reports that the threshold is disabled. |
| Low Temperature Violation | Reports whether current temperature violates the low temperature threshold (Yes or No) or reports that the threshold is disabled. |
| Humidity | Reports the relative humidity (as a percentage) sensed by the unit's probes. |
| High Humidity Violation | Reports whether current humidity exceeds the high humidity threshold (Yes or No) or reports that the threshold is disabled. |
| Low Humidity Violation | Reports whether current humidity violates the low humidity threshold (Yes or No) or reports that the threshold is disabled. |
| Trap Thresholds | Defines the thresholds for high and low temperature (in Celsius) and for relative humidity (as a percentage) that the unit uses to identify a trap condition. |
| Send Traps On | Enables or disables sending traps for each threshold. |

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Menu Items

Environmental Monitoring *continued*

Status: contacts

| Item | Definition |
|--|--|
| Device 1 (Contact Zone 1) Alarm through Device 4 (Contact Zone 4) Alarm: | For each contact by number and name, reports whether the contact senses an alarm condition (Yes or No) or that the alarm is disabled . |

Status: firmware version

The status section also reports the firmware version of the Environmental Monitoring Unit.

Configuration

| Item (for each probe) | Definition |
|------------------------|--|
| Trap Threshold Options | Defines the thresholds for high and low temperature (in Celsius) and relative humidity (as a percentage) that the unit uses to identify a trap condition. (You must enable the Send Traps item for the unit to react to the alarm.) |
| Contact Name 1–4 | Defines a name of up to 16 characters for each contact. |
| Contact Zone 1–4 | Enables or disables the contacts. |

Menu Items

Events

Viewing the Event Log directly

The Event Log displays information for the Environmental Monitoring Unit's last 300 events.

| Item | Description |
|-------|--|
| Date | The date on which the event occurred (<i>DD/MM/YYYY</i>) |
| Time | The time at which the event occurred (<i>HH:MM:SS</i>) |
| Event | Description of the event. For detailed descriptions of event codes, select APC Interactive Assistant from the Navigation Bar on the Web interface and read the page about event codes. |

To view the Event Log, select the **Log** option of the **Events** menu in the Web interface or press CTRL + L in the Control Console.

Retrieving the Event Log using FTP

To retrieve the Event Log using client side FTP:

1. From an MS-DOS prompt, type `ftp card-ip`, where *card-ip* is the IP address of the Environmental Monitoring Unit.
2. Log in to the unit's FTP server
3. type `dir` to list files.
4. To retrieve the Event Log, type `get event.txt`. The Environmental Monitoring Unit transmits the Event Log, which includes at least the last 300 events, to your local drive. A confirming message similar to the following is displayed.

```
ftp: 3694 bytes received in 0.11 Seconds  
33.58Kbytes/sec.
```

Viewing the event.txt file

You can use a spreadsheet program to view the **event.txt** file. The file is TAB-delimited to appear in columns in the spreadsheet.

Note: To display the year in 4-digit format in the spreadsheet, be sure to select that date format in the spreadsheet application.

The **event.txt** file contains the following information that is not displayed in the Web and Control Console Event Log screens.

- The version of the **event.txt** file format (first field).
- The Date and Time the **event.txt** file was retrieved.
- The Name, Contact, Location, and IP address of the unit's management card.
- An unique Event Code for every type of event.

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Menu Items

Events *continued*

Deleting the Event Log in the FTP interface

To delete the Event Log, type `del event.txt`. FTP confirms the deletion:

```
Requested file action okay, completed.
```

A new **event.txt** file is immediately created to record the Deleted Log event.

Recipients (Web interface only)

Use the **Recipients** option of the **Events** menu to configure email recipients who will be notified when an event occurs. See **Configuring Email Recipients on page 21**. (In the Control Console, use the **Email** option on the **Network** menu instead.)

Menu Items

Network

Purpose

The **Network** menu provides access to the configurable network settings. Only the Administrator can access the **Network** menu.

TCP/IP

The TCP/IP section lists the Environmental Monitoring Unit's start-up settings for network service and allows you to configure TCP/IP settings.

| Item | Definition |
|-----------------|---|
| System IP | The unit's Internet Protocol address, which is a numeric address that the domain name server translates into a domain name. |
| Subnet Mask | A 32-bit character string used to select some of the bits from an Internet address to route it to the subnet. |
| Default Gateway | A device that connects two computer networks that use different protocols so that the connected networks can exchange data. Default: Router address |
| BOOTP | A protocol used to enable a diskless workstation to find its own logical IP address at startup. Settings: Enabled/Disabled |

TFTP/FTP

Use the TFTP/FTP section to control file transfers through the settings for the TFTP and FTP Client and FTP Server.

| Client or Server | Item | Definition |
|------------------|-------------------|---|
| TFTP Client | Remote Server IP: | The network address of the TFTP server used for downloads. |
| FTP Client | Remote Server IP: | The network address of the FTP server used for downloads. |
| | User Name | The user name for access to the FTP server. |
| | Password: | The password for access to the FTP server. |
| FTP Server | Access: | Enables or disables FTP server access. |
| | Port: | The TCP/IP port on which the FTP server for the unit's management card is located. Default: port 21 |

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Menu Items

Network *continued*

Telnet/Web

| Item | Definition |
|---------------|---|
| Telnet | |
| Access | Enables or disables Telnet access. |
| Port | The TCP/IP port where the Telnet server for the unit is located. Default: port 23 |
| Web | |
| Access | Enables or disables Web access. |
| Port | The TCP/IP port where the Web server for the unit is located. Default: port 80 |

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Menu Items

Network *continued*

SNMP

The SNMP section displays the SNMP access control and trap receiver Settings.

| Item | Definition |
|----------------|---|
| SNMP Access | Enables or disables SNMP access. |
| Access Control | Controls access to each of the four SNMP channels. |
| Trap Receiver | Defines the NMSs (up to 4) to which traps are sent. |

Access Control . The Access Control section of SNMP displays the current settings for all four SNMP channels and lets you configure values for a selected channel.

| Item | Definition |
|----------------|--|
| Community Name | Password that the NMS specified by the NMS IP option must use for SNMP access to the unit. The Access Type option defines the allowed access. Note: Allows a maximum of 15 characters. |
| NMS IP | Configures the channel to allow only one NMS (using a specific NMS IP address), or all NMSs (using 0.0.0.0 for the NMS IP value), to have access to the channel. |
| Access Type | Defines whether the NMS identified by the NMS IP option can write (use GETs and SETs) or read (use only GETs) or is disabled (cannot use GETs or SETs). |

Trap Receiver. The Trap Receiver section of SNMP displays and lets you configure the current settings for all four trap receivers.

| Item | Definition |
|----------------------|--|
| Community Name | The password that the unit uses when it sends traps to the NMS identified by the Receiver NMS IP option. Maximum length: 15 characters. |
| Receiver NMS IP | The specific NMS (defined by its IP address) to receive traps sent by the unit. Note: To send no traps to any NMS, set the Trap Receiver IP to 0.0.0.0 |
| Trap Generation | Enables or disables the sending of traps to the NMS identified by the Receiver NMS IP option. |
| Authentication Traps | Enables or disables the sending of authentication traps to the NMS identified by the Receiver NMS IP option. |

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Menu Items

Network *continued*

Email (Control Console only)

Use the **Email** option of the **Network** menu to configure email recipients who will be notified when an event occurs. See **Configuring Email Recipients on page 21**. (In the Web interface, use the **Recipients** option of the **Events** menu instead.)

Menu Items

System

Purpose Use the **System** menu to configure accounts, system identification, file transfers, and links. Only the Administrator has access to the **System** menu.

User Manager Use this section to configure the properties of the Administrator and Device Manager accounts. The Administrator has unrestricted access, but the Device Manager can configure only the Environmental Monitoring Unit; not the network and system parameters.

| Item | Definition |
|----------------------------|---|
| Auto Logout | How long you can be inactive before the system automatically logs you out. Default: 3 minutes. |
| Authentication | Basic (the default) causes the Web Interface to use standard HTTP 1.1 login (base64 encoded passwords) MD5 causes the Web Interface to use an MD5-based authentication login. (For MD5 to function properly, you must have cookies enabled on your browser.) |
| Administrator | |
| User Name | User name (10 characters maximum). Default: apc |
| Password | Password only for HTTP 1.1 authentication (10 characters maximum). Default: apc |
| Authentication Phrase | Authentication phrase (only for MD5). The phrase must be from 15 to 32 characters. Default: admin user phrase |
| Device Manager User | |
| User Name | User name (10 characters maximum). Default: apc |
| Password | Password only for HTTP 1.1 authentication (10 characters maximum). Default: apc |
| Authentication Phrase | Authentication phrase for MD5. The phrase must be from 15 to 32 characters. Default: device user phrase |

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Menu Items

System *continued*

Identification

Use this section to display and configure the unit's system identification values. The following items are configurable:

| Item | Definition |
|----------|--|
| Name | The unit's system name (used as the SNMP MIB-II sysName OID). |
| Contact | The unit's contact or owner (used as the SNMP MIB-II sysContact OID). |
| Location | The unit's physical location (used as the SNMP MIB-II sysLocation OID). |

Date/Time

| Item | Definition |
|------|--|
| Date | The date for the system in the form of <i>MM/DD/YYYY</i> . |
| Time | The time for the system in the form of <i>HH:MM:SS</i> (24 hour time). |

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Menu Items

System *continued*

File Transfer

| Item | Description |
|---|--|
| Display the current transfer settings | |
| Remote TFTP Server IP | IP address of the remote TFTP server defined in the Network menu's TFTP/FTP settings. TFTP: Remote Server IP |
| Remote FTP Server IP | IP address of the remote FTP server defined in the Network menu's TFTP/FTP settings. FTP: Remote Server IP |
| Remote FTP ServerUser Name | User name of the FTP server defined in the Network menu's TFTP/FTP settings. FTP Client: User Name |
| Remote FTP Server Password | Password of the FTP server defined in the Network menu's TFTP/FTP settings. FTP Client: Password |
| Configure the Name of the File to Download | |
| Filename | The name of the file to be downloaded |
| Initiate the Transfer | |
| Result of Last File Transfer | Display the results of the last file transfer. |
| Initiate File Transfer Via | Choose to transfer the file by TFTP or FTP. |

Menu Items

System *continued*

Tools

| Item | Description |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| No Action | Causes no action. |
| Reboot Card | Re-initializes the unit's management card. |
| Reset Card to Defaults | Restores all configuration settings to their defaults, including user accounts, and enables BOOTP. |
| Reset Card to Defaults Except TCP/IP | Restores all configuration settings (except TCP/IP) to their defaults. |

Links (Web Interface only)

Use this section to configure URL links that appear on the Navigation menu at the left. (The APC Links are pre-defined, but can be changed.)

| Item | Definition |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Configure the User Links | |
| Name | For each link, the name that will appear on the menu bar. |
| URL | The HTTP link in URL form: http://mysite.com/mypage.com . |
| Configure the APC Links | |
| Name | View the names of the APC links. |
| URL | Define the URL of each APC link. |

Menu Items

Help

Help options

In the Web interface:

- The **Help** menu is at the lower left.
- The Contents page provides an overview of parameters that you can display and configure.
- To access help about a page, click the ? at the end of the black title bar of that page.

In the Control Console, type ? for help about the current menu.

Interactive Assistant

Interactive Assistant brings APC Customer Service to the Web. When you select Interactive Assistant, the Environmental Monitoring Unit transmits information about the Environmental Monitoring Unit's management card to APC's Interactive Assistant server. The server informs you if a newer version of firmware is available and can link you to extensive context-sensitive help.

About Card

About Card displays information about the Environmental Monitoring Unit's hardware, application module, and APC OS, including the serial number, hardware revision, and the date and time at which the AOS was loaded.

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Configuring and Using Email Notification

Configuring Email Recipients

Menu options

To identify up to four email recipients, use one of the following:

- The **Recipients** option of the Web interface's **Events** menu
- The **Email** option of the Control Console's **Network** Menu

Settings

| Setting | Description |
|-------------------------|---|
| To Address | Defines the user and domain names of the recipient. To use email for paging, use the email address for the recipient's pager gateway account (for example, myacct100@skytel.com). The pager gateway generates the page. Note: The recipient's pager must be able to use text-based messaging. |
| Send via | Lets you choose one of the following methods for routing email: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Send email through the Environmental Monitoring Unit's SMTP server. Selecting Local SMTP Server, which is the recommended option, ensures that the email is sent before the unit's 20-second timeout, and, if necessary, is retried several times.• Send email directly to the recipient's remote SMTP server. If you select the Recipient's SMTP Server option, and the remote SMTP server is busy, the timeout may prevent some email from being sent. With this option, the management card tries to send the email only once. When the recipient uses the Environmental Monitoring Unit's SMTP server, this setting has no effect. |
| Email Generation | Enables (by default) or disables sending email to the defined recipient. |

Configuring the local SNMP server

When you select the **Local SNMP Server** option for the **Send via** setting, you must do one of the following:

- Make sure that forwarding is enabled at that server so that the server can route email to external SMTP servers.
Note: Always see your SMTP-server administrator before changing the configuration of your SMTP server.
- Set up a special email account for the Environmental Monitoring Unit. This account then forwards the Email to an external email account.

Testing Email

In the Web interface, use the **Email Test** option to send a test email message to a configured recipient.

Configuring and Using Email Notification

Configuring SMTP and DNS Settings

Requirements for using SMTP

To use the Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP) to send email when an event occurs, you must define the following settings:

- The IP address of the Domain Name Service (DNS) server.
- The DNS name of the SMTP server and the **From Address** settings for SMTP.
- The email addresses for a maximum of four recipients.

Note: To page an email recipient who uses a text-based pager gateway, see the description of the **To Address** setting in **Settings on page 21**.

DNS server

To enable the Environmental Monitoring Unit to send email messages, you must use the **TCP/IP & DNS** option (Web interface) or **DNS** option (Control Console) in the **Network** menu to identify the Domain Name Service (DNS) server by its IP address.

If the unit does not receive a response from the DNS server within five seconds, email cannot be sent. Therefore, use a DNS server on the same segment as the unit or on a nearby segment (but not across a WAN).

After you define the DNS server's IP address, verify that DNS is working correctly by entering the DNS name of a computer on your network to obtain the IP address for that DNS name.

SMTP settings

The **Email** option in the **Network** menu accesses the following SMTP settings:

| Setting | Description |
|---------------------|--|
| SMTP Server | The DNS name of the SMTP server. |
| From Address | The contents of the From field in the email messages sent by the Environmental Monitoring Unit. Note: See the documentation for your SMTP server to determine whether you must use a valid user account on the server for this setting. |

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Managing the Unit with SNMP

SNMP Interface

Purpose You can use PowerNet MIB OIDs to manage (monitor, configure, and control) your Environmental Monitoring Unit.

PowerNet MIB OID categories Use your MIB browser to locate the PowerNet MIB OIDs that you can use to manage the Environmental Monitoring Unit:

1. Select **[product]** under **[apc]**.
2. Select **[hardware]**.
3. Select **[measureUps]** to list the following two OID categories:

| OID | Function |
|----------------------|---|
| [mUpsEnviron] | Displays information about the ambient temperature and relative humidity. |
| [mUpsContact] | Defines contact values. |

Managing the Unit with SNMP

Using the OIDs

Using monitoring OIDs

Use the read-only **[mUpsEnviron]** OIDs to view temperature and humidity values.

| OID | Function |
|-------------------------------|---|
| mUpsRelativeHumidity | Reports the relative humidity sensed by the probes. |
| mUpsAmbientTemperature | Reports the ambient temperature in Celsius, sensed by the probes. |

Using contact OIDs

Use the **[mUpsContact]** OIDs to view and configure the current contact sensor values.

| OID | Function |
|-------------------------------|--|
| mUpsContactNumContacts | Lists how many contact sensors the unit uses. |
| {mUpsContactTable} | Lists the OIDs for each contact sensor: contactNumber : Identifies the contact sensor for which the other OIDs apply. normalState : Defines the contact sensor's normal condition (unknown, open, or closed). description : Defines the purpose of the contact sensor monitoringStatus : Defines whether the contact sensor is being monitored currentStatus : Identifies the sensor's current condition (unknown, noFault, or fault). |

Security

Security Features

Planning and implementing security features

As a network device that passes information across the network, the Environmental Monitoring Unit is subject to the same exposure as other devices on the network.

Use the information in this section to plan and implement the security features appropriate for your environment.

Port assignments

If a Telnet, FTP, or Web server uses a non-standard port, a user must specify the port when using the client interface, such as a Web browser. The non-standard port address becomes an extra “password,” hiding the server to provide an additional level of security. The TCP ports for which the Telnet, FTP, and Web servers listen are initially set at the standard “well known ports” for the protocols. To hide the interfaces, use any port numbers from 5000 to 65535.

For an example of how to access a client interface for which the port is non-standard, see [Access to the Web interface on page 3](#).

User names, passwords, community names

All user names, passwords, and community names for SNMP are transferred over the network as plain text. A user who is capable of monitoring the network traffic can determine the user names and passwords required to log into the Environmental Monitoring Unit’s Control Console or Web interface as an Administrator or Device Manager. This security limitation of the protocols affects any device using Telnet, a Web server, or an SNMP version 1 agent.

Security

Authentication

Authentication versus encryption

The Environmental Monitoring Unit controls access by providing basic authentication through user names, passwords, and IP addresses, but provides no type of encryption. These basic security features are sufficient for most environments, in which sensitive data is not being transferred. To ensure that data and communication between the Environmental Monitoring Unit and the client interfaces, such as Telnet and the Web browser, cannot be captured, you can provide a greater level of security by enabling MD5 authentication for the Web interface. See [MD5 authentication \(Web interface\) on this page](#).

MD5 authentication (Web interface)

The Web interface option for MD5 authentication enables a higher level of access security than the basic HTTP authentication scheme. The MD5 scheme is similar to CHAP and PAP remote access protocols. Enabling MD5 implements the following security features:

- The Web server requests a user name and a password phrase (distinct from the password). The user name and password phrase are not transmitted over the network, as they are in basic authentication. Instead, a Java login applet combines the user name, password phrase, and a unique session challenge number to calculate an MD5 hash number. Only the hash number is returned to the server to verify that the user has the correct login information; MD5 authentication does not reveal the login information.
- In addition to the login authentication, each form post for configuration or control operations is authenticated with a unique challenge and hash response.
- After the authentication login, subsequent page access is restricted by IP addresses and a hidden session cookie. (You must have cookies enabled in your browser.) Pages are transmitted in their plain-text form, with no encryption.

If you use MD5 authentication, which is available only for the Web interface, disable the less secure interfaces, including Telnet, FTP, and SNMP. For SNMP, you can disable write-only access so that read access and trap facilities are still available. For additional information on MD5 authentication, see RFC document #1321 at the Web site of the Internet Engineering Task Force. For CHAP, see RFC document #1994.

Firewalls

Although MD5 authentication provides a much higher level of security than the plain-text access methods, complete protection from security breaches is almost impossible to achieve. Well-configured firewalls are an essential element in an overall security scheme.

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Authentication *continued*

Summary of access methods

The following table describes interfaces and its access methods.

| Interface | Security Access | Notes |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| Serial Control Console | Access is by user name and password. | Always enabled. |
| Telnet Control Console | These methods are available: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• User name and password• Selectable server port• Server Enable/Disable | The user name and password are transmitted as plain text. |
| SNMP | These methods are available: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Name• NMS IP filters• Agent Enable/Disable• Four access communities with read/write/disable capability | The NMS IP filters allow access from designated IP addresses. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 159.215.12.1 allows only the NMS with that IP address to have access.• 159.215.12.255 allows access for any NMS on the 159.215.12 segment.• 159.215.255.255 allows access for any NMS on the 159.215 segment.• 159.255.255.255 allows access for any NMS on the 159 segment.• 0.0.0.0 or 255.255.255.255 allows access for any NMS. |
| FTP Server | These methods are available: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• User name and password• Selectable server port• Server Enable/Disable | Only the Administrator account has access. |
| Web Server | These methods are available: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• User name and password• Selectable server port• Server Enable/Disable• MD5 Authentication option | In basic HTTP authentication mode, the user name and password are transmitted base-64 encoded (with no encryption). MD5 authentication mode uses a user name and password phrase. |

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