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1.0 Introduction

This document describes the account access procedures for PARS II and is written for users of the application. The following topics are covered in this document:

- PARS II Welcome Page
- PARS II Account Request Procedures
- Logging into PARS II
- Changing PARS II Password
- Help Desk Procedures

Additional questions can be directed to the PARS II Help Desk by calling 301-903-2500 and selecting option 4, and then option 5. PARS II Help Desk personnel can be reached by email at the following address: i-Manage.eas@hq.doe.gov.

2.0 PARS II Welcome Page

The preferred method for accessing the PARS II application, to obtain the latest information about events, notices and updates, is to click on the [PARS II Welcome Page](#) (Figure 1). The PARS II Welcome Page can also be accessed by typing the following address into the web browser's address window: http://www.management.energy.gov/online_resources/pars2.htm.

The Department of Energy's Office of Engineering and Construction Management (OECM) maintains the PARS II Welcome Page and posts helpful information, such as links to commonly used functions, contact information for the PARS II Help Desk, and instructions for obtaining an account. Links are located on the right side of the Welcome Page and connect to the PARS II Login, Change Password, Request an Account, and PARS II Help Desk functions.

Figure 1 - PARS II Welcome Page (OECM Website)

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT

You are here: DOE Home > MMS Home > Online Resources > PARS II

Welcome to PARS II

PARS II is the Department's official "System of Record" for capital asset project performance information. Because PARS II uses the same data as maintained in our contractors' project management systems, everyone from the Federal Project Directors staff to the Secretary of Energy will have easy access to the same data.

The PARS II software application is managed by the MMS Office of Engineering and Construction Management and is used by federal and contractor personnel across the nation to record and track the progress of major construction and environmental clean up projects.

Questions or comments about PARS II should be directed to the PARS II Help Desk via email at Management.cas@hq.doe.gov or by calling 800-800-8000 (select option 4, then option 5).

This Welcome Page provides links to other pages on the following topics:

- Login to PARS II** - to access the PARS II application.
- Change Password** - to change your PARS II password.
- Request User Account** - to request a PARS II user account via the DOE MIS Application Gateway.
- PARS II Training** - to see the training schedule and course descriptions, and download the course registration form and training materials.
- PARS II FAQ** - to see answers to commonly-asked questions about PARS II.
- Email PARS II Support** - to send an email message to the PARS II Help Desk.
- User Documents** - to download PARS II User Guide, User Account Access Guide and other useful documents.
- Contractor Documents** - to download PARS II documents supporting the contractor file upload process.

Links for these topics appear to the right.

PARS II FUNCTIONS

- Login to PARS II
- Change Password
- Request User Account
- PARS II Training
- PARS II FAQ
- Email PARS II Support

USER DOCUMENTS

- PARS II Reports Catalog
- PARS II New Reports and Reports With New Reporting Field Location
- PARS II User Account Access Guide
- PARS II User Guide
- PARS II Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)
- PARS II Known Issues and Workarounds
- PARS II Site End-of-Month Checklist and Processing Schedule
- Configuring Workstations for use with the PARS II System
- Request Digital Signature Acceptance
- EV Data Migration Template
- PARS II Change Request Form

CONTRACTOR DOCUMENTS

- PARS II CPP Upload Requirements V1.0
- New Contractor Information for Information Security Agreement
- PARS II - Information Security Agreement V1.0
- PARS II CPP Upload Template File
- PARS II Extension Utility (Release Notes) (Design Specification)

Quick Reference

[Parasitic File Information](#)

[Visit Website](#)

3.0 Account Request Procedures

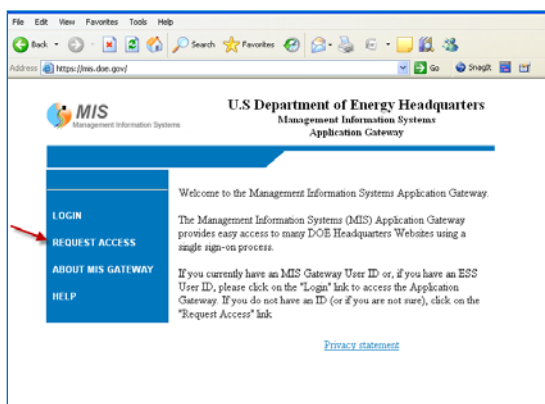
Individuals requiring access to PARS II must apply for a PARS II user account. The application process utilizes the Department of Energy's [MIS Application Gateway](https://mis.doe.gov/) web software to verify the identity of new users and to manage account application and approval process. To apply for a PARS II user account, follow the instructions listed in the steps below.

3.1 Identity Verification

If the federal employee or contractor (called the requestor) already has an account on the Department of Energy's MIS Application Gateway, then the requestor can skip Step 1 and proceed to Step 2. If the requestor does not have an MIS Application Gateway account, then the requestor must use the "Request Access" Menu Option on the MIS Application Gateway to verify his/her identity with the Department of Energy. Instructions for using identity verification features are listed on the screen (Figure 2).

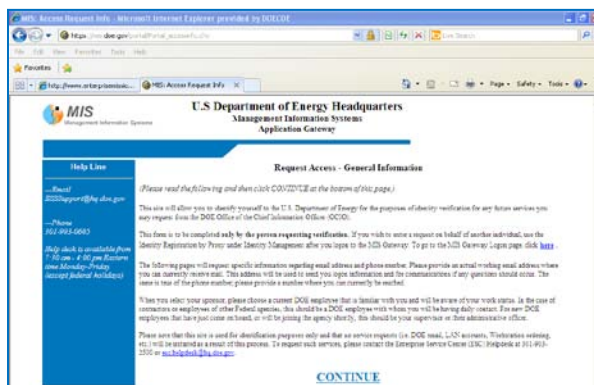
To access the MIS Application Gateway, run the web browser (Microsoft Explorer) and connect to the MIS Application Gateway by typing the following address into the web browser's address window <https://mis.doe.gov/>. When the MIS Application Gateway main page appears, click the screen's Request Access Menu Option (Figure 2).

Figure 2 - MIS Gateway: Request



After selecting the Request Access Menu Option the General Information screen appears (Figure 3); offering additional information about the identity verification process. After reading the screen text click the CONTINUE link at the bottom of the screen.

Figure 3 - MIS Gateway: General



Next, the Profile Information screen appears (Figure 4), requiring entry of personnel profile information. Enter your last name, social security number, citizenship status and federal/contractor employee status.

Figure 4 - MIS Gateway: Profile Information

The Select Sponsor screen appears next (Figure 5), requiring additional profile information to be entered, such as employer name, job title, email address and phone number.

Click on the “Search” dropdown box, located near the center of the form, to select a name from the list of federal sponsors. The person selected should be someone from your site (e.g., federal manager, federal supervisor) who is familiar with your job responsibilities and requirements for verification.

Next, read the DOE Rules of Behavior, located near the bottom of the screen

Figure 5 - MIS Gateway - Select Sponsor and Read Rules of Behavior

and click the I AGREE button, if in agreement with the terms.

When done, exit from the MIS Application Gateway and wait approximately one week for an email response from the federal sponsor, indicating approval or rejection. If approved, you will receive instructions and a User name and password that will permit you to log into the MIS Application Gateway and complete the application process.

3.2 Login to MIS Application Gateway

The purpose of this step is to provide the verified DOE federal employee or contractor with a mechanism for choosing a DOE Headquarters software application (e.g., PARS II, STARS, STRIPES, IDW). The MIS Application Gateway also manages the workflow aspects of the approval and communication processes.

This step assumes that you (the requestor) have received an account to access the MIS Application Gateway and that you are prepared to log into the MIS Application Gateway to apply for a PARS II user account.

When ready to use the MIS Application Gateway, type this address into the web browser's address window <https://mis.doe.gov/>

When the MIS Application Gateway main web page appears, click the screen's "Login" Menu Option (Figure 6).

Figure 6 - MIS Application Gateway

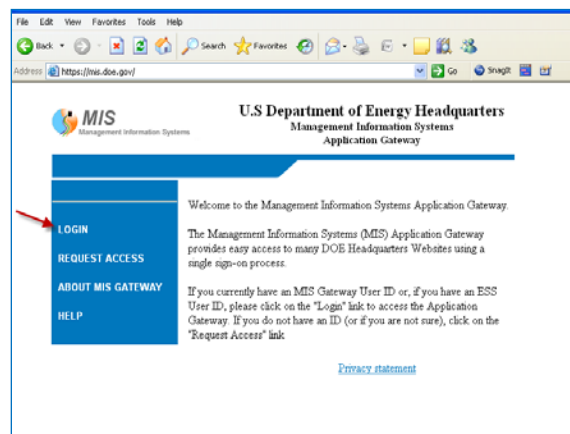


Figure 7 - MIS Gateway: Login

Next, the MIS Application Gateway LOGIN screen appears (Figure 7). Enter your previously assigned MIS Application Gateway Username and Password and then press the AUTHENTICATE ME button.

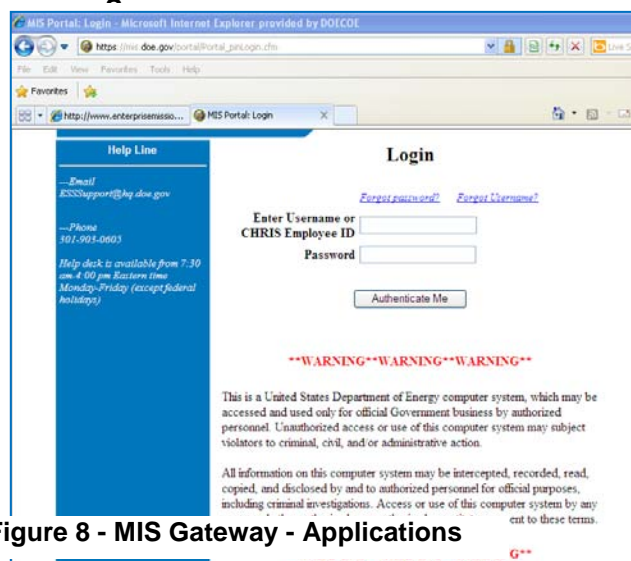


Figure 8 - MIS Gateway - Applications

Next, the Applications Gateway screen appears (Figure 8). Select the **DOE Corporate Applications** menu option, located on the left side of the screen. A sub-menu item appears. Select the **Application Access Request** option from the sub-menu.

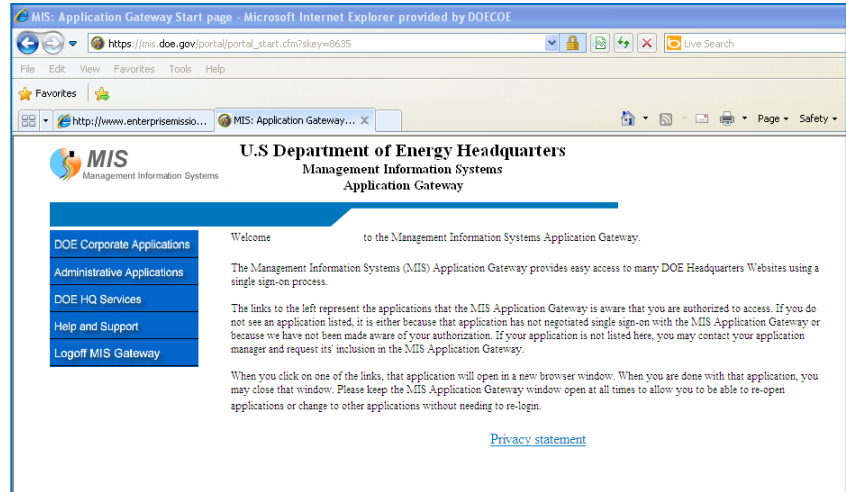


Figure 9 - MIS Gateway: User

The **User Verification Form** appears next (Figure 9). Update all profile information, such as site, building, address, mailstop, room number and phone. When done, click on the Update/Continue button at the bottom of the screen.

Figure 10 - MIS Gateway - Application

The Application Access Request screen appears next (Figure 10). Click the **PARS II** Menu Option and then click the **Close this Window** item at the bottom of the screen.

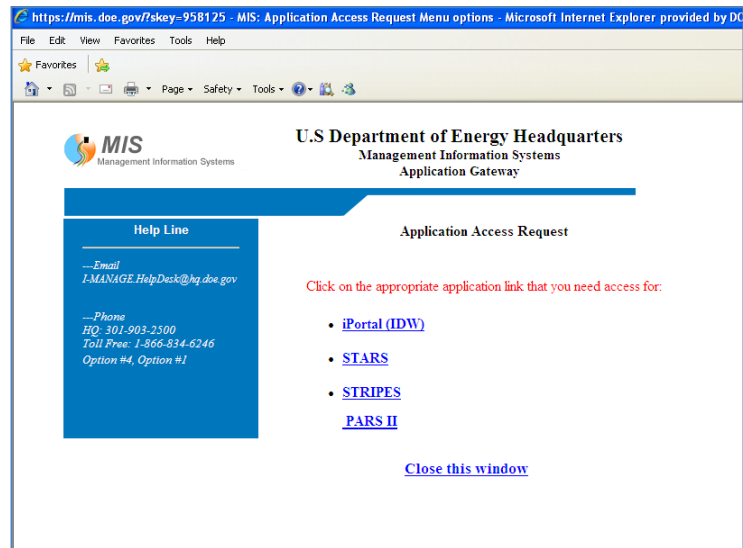
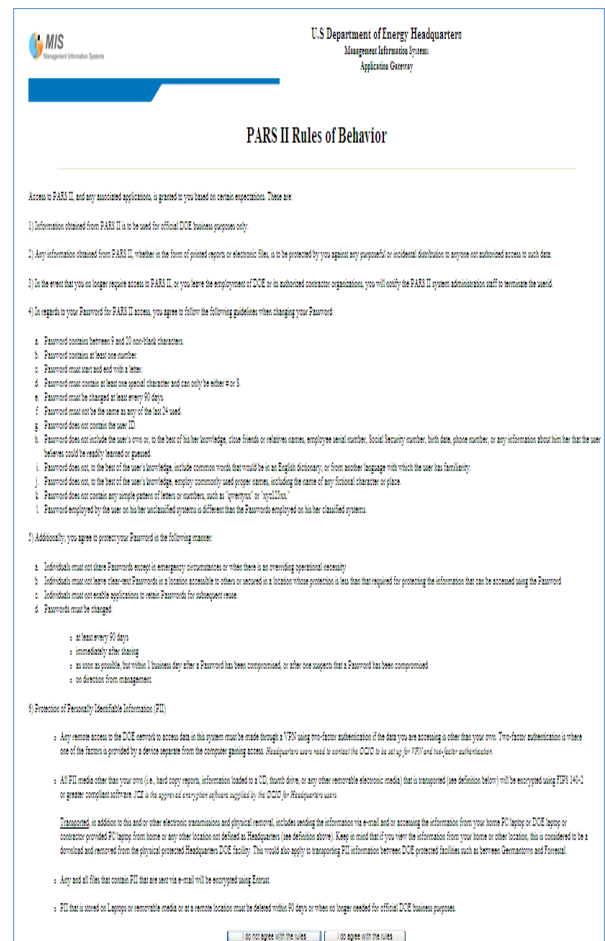


Figure 11 - MIS Gateway: Rules of

The Rules of Behavior screen appears next (Figure 11). Read all the rules and then, if in agreement with the terms, click the **I Do Agree With The Rules** button.



The PARS II Custom Form screen appears next (Figure 12). Enter the following information on this form:

- **User Role:** Select one role from the list of roles on the screen that most closely represents your job function as it pertains to using PARS II. If unsure about your role in PARS II, please call the PARS II Help Desk.
- **Approving Official:** Select one name, from the list of names in the dropdown box, of the Program Approving Official who will be responsible for approving your request to obtain a PARS II user account.
- **PARS II Project Number** (optional): If applicable, enter the DOE Project Number for each project that you are responsible for updating. A maximum of five projects can be entered.
- **Requestor Comments:** Enter text in this block that pertains to questions or issues that you might have about this request (e.g. “this is my second request”).
- **Business Reason:** Enter a brief justification for using PARS II (e.g., it is required by my job, I want to monitor projects in my area of responsibility, etc.).

After entering all items on the screen, click the SUBMIT button at the bottom of the screen.

Figure 12 - MIS Gateway: Custom Form for PARS II

MIS
Management Information Systems

U.S. Department of Energy Headquarters
Management Information Systems
Application Gateway

Help Line

---Email
I-MANAGE.HelpDesk@hq.doe.gov

---Phone
HQ: 301-903-2500
Toll Free: 1-866-834-6246
Option #4, Option #5

Application Access Request - PARS II (PROD instance)

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(* - Required)

*** Select User Role(s):**
Note : You may select multiple Roles

- ☐ Acquisition Executive
- ☐ Alternate OECM Analyst
- ☐ Contracting Office Representative
- ☐ Contractor Analyst
- ☐ Contractor Project Manager
- ☐ Deputy Federal Project Director
- ☐ Federal Project Director
- ☐ OECM Analyst
- ☐ Program Analyst
- ☐ Program Manager
- ☐ Program Point of Contact

*** Select your approving official:** --- Select your approving official ---

PARS II Project Number (optional):

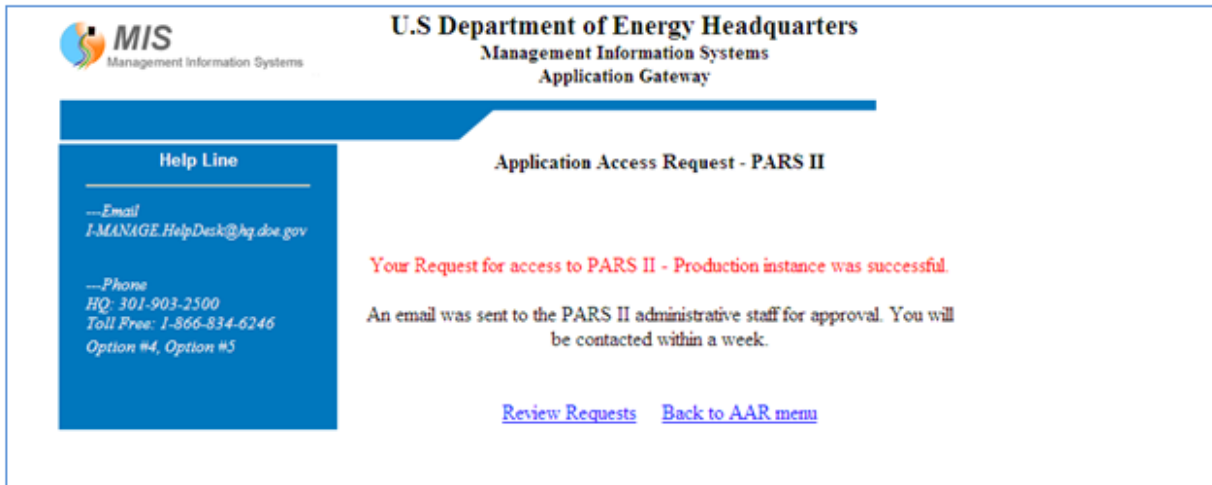
Requestor Comments (optional):

*** Please provide a business reason supporting your need to access PARS II:**
For example, as an FPD I will use PARS II to upload schedule and earned value project data.

CONTINUE

The last screen to appear in the request sequence is called the Confirmation screen (Figure 13) and its purpose is to inform the requestor that his/her information was entered correctly and that a response from the approving official, to approve or reject the request, should be expected within one week.

Figure 13 – MIS Gateway - Request Confirmation



3.3 Receiving the PARS II Account

If the approving official and authorizing official approve your request, then the PARS II Help Desk Administrator is notified and creates your account in the PARS II system. The PARS II Help Desk Administrator then sends you a PARS II user name and password so that you are able to access the application. Please contact the PARS II Help Desk if you have additional questions.

Note: Instructions for completing the account application process are also available on the DOE Office of Management's OECM [Request User Account](http://management.energy.gov/online_resources/pars2ReqUserAcct.htm) web page (Figure 14) and can be accessed by typing the following address into the browser's address window:
http://management.energy.gov/online_resources/pars2ReqUserAcct.htm.

Figure 14 - Request User Account Link: OECM Website

The screenshot shows the ENERGY.GOV website. The header includes the DOE logo, the text "ENERGY.GOV", and a search bar. Below the header is a navigation bar with links for SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, ENERGY SOURCES, ENERGY EFFICIENCY, THE ENVIRONMENT, PRICES & TRENDS, NATIONAL SECURITY, and SAFETY & HEALTH. Below this is a blue bar with the text "OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT".

On the left side, there is a navigation menu with links for MA Home, About Us, Administrative Services, Aviation Management, Awards Programs, Documents/Publications, Doing Business w/DOE, Energy Reduction at HQ, FOIA/Privacy Act, How do I...?, OECM, Online Resources, for Aviation Management, for Library, for Procurement, for Project Management, for Property Management, for Other Resources, Policy/Guidance, Program Support, Project Management, Property Management, Contact Us, and Site Map.

The main content area shows the breadcrumb trail: "You are here: DOE Home > MA Home > Online Resources > PARS II > User Account Request". Below this is the section "User Account Request".

The text under "User Account Request" states: "The account access process for PARS II relies on the Department of Energy's MIS Application Gateway system to verify the requestor's identity and to approve his/her request for access to a specific DOE Headquarters application, such as PARS II. Once approved by the MIS Application Gateway, the PARS II Help Desk Administrator will assign a new PARS II account to the requestor. Please follow the steps listed below to apply for a PARS II account."

The steps listed are:

1. If the federal employee or contractor does not already have an account with the Department of Energy's MIS Application Gateway, then the requestor must apply for an account and be approved by a local federal sponsor. To accomplish this, the requestor should click on this link: [MIS Application Gateway](#) and then select the "DOE Corporate Applications/Application Access Request" menu option, enter profile information on the form, and wait for approval from the federal sponsor.
2. Once the requestor has received an account to access the MIS Application Gateway then he/she must login to the MIS Application Gateway and provide the following information:
 - Update contact information (address, phone, etc);
 - Select a federal sponsor for approval (Program Office point of contact);
 - Read and sign the Rules of Behavior;
 - Select the appropriate PARS II Group Role;
 - Enter PARS II Project Number (if applicable);
 - Enter a business reason for using PARS II.
3. The request for a PARS II account will be reviewed by an approving official and by a representative from DOE OECM and, if approved, the new PARS II account will be created and relevant information will be sent to the requestor.

4.0 Logging into PARS II

The PARS II web application can be accessed in two different ways:

1. By connecting to the Department of Energy's OECM website [PARS II Welcome Page](#) and by clicking the link titled: [Login to PARS II](#) which is located on the right-hand side of the PARS II Welcome Page; or
2. By typing the PARS II URL address <https://pars2.doe.gov> into the browser's address window.

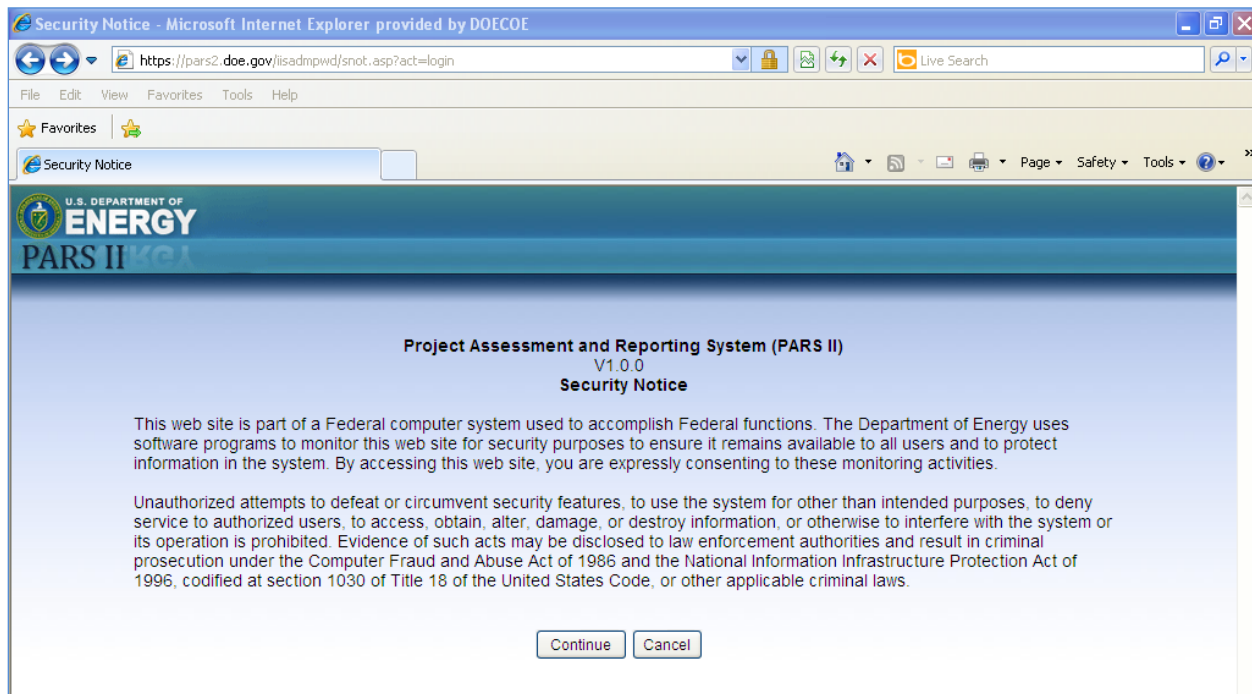
When either of these methods is chosen, PARS II will run and display the following three screens in succession:

- Security Notice screen (Figure 15);
- Login screen (Figure 16); and
- PARS II Project screen (Figure 17).

4.1 Security Notice Screen

The **Security Notice** screen (Figure 15) prompts the user to read the text on the screen and then directs the user to press the “continue” button.

Figure 15 - PARS II Security Notice Screen

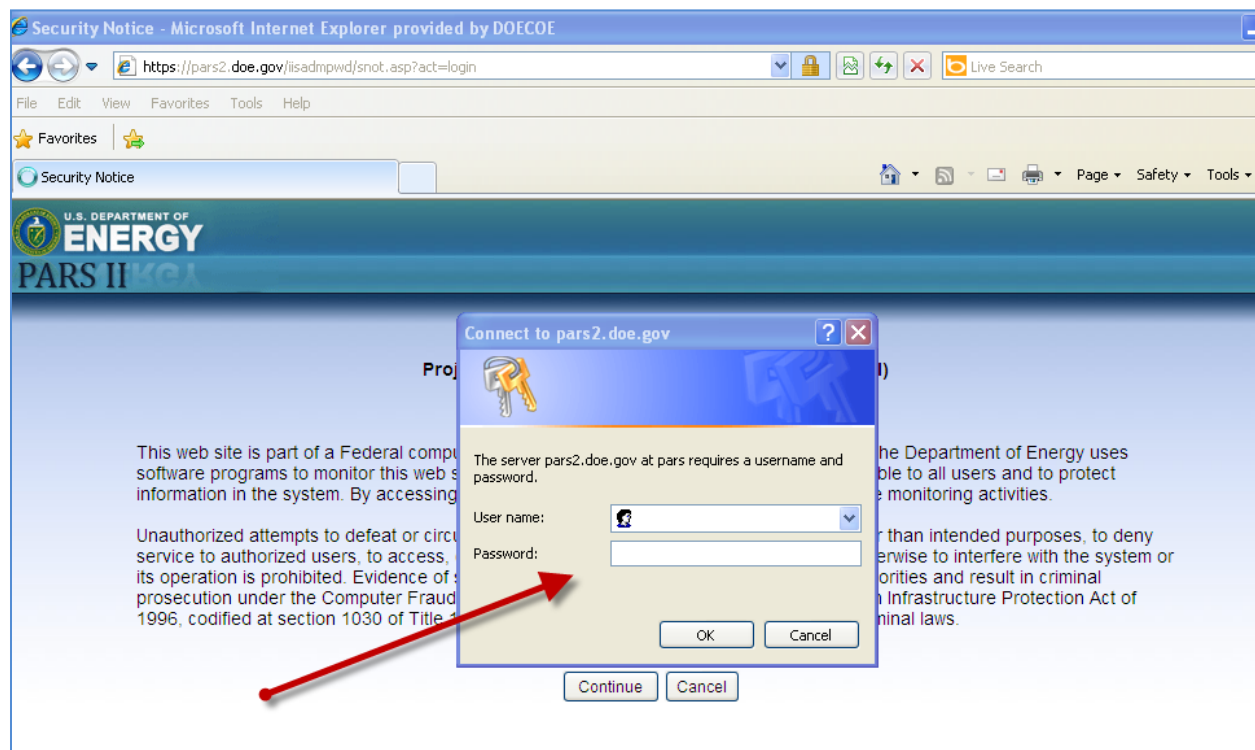


4.2 PARS II Login Screen

After agreeing to the terms of the PARS II Security Notice, the **PARS II Login** screen appears (Figure 16). To access PARS II, the user must enter the pre-assigned PARS II User name and password and then click the OK button. Other relevant information appears below.

- Values for the user name and password ***must be entered within 60 seconds*** of the initial screen display, or an error screen appears. Values entered for user name are not case sensitive but values entered for password are case sensitive.
- An invalid username or invalid password entry, followed by pressing the OK button, causes the screen to re-display and prompt the user for new values (up to three separate times).
- After three invalid attempts at entering user name or password, the Windows Domain Error Screen appears (Figure 18) and the user's account is locked for 30 minutes. The user can wait 30 minutes and then re-enter correct values for user name and password, or the user can contact the PARS II Help Desk Administrator to request that the account be unlocked.
- The pre-assigned PARS II password is a temporary password and expires upon initial login. You will be required to change your password. Please see section 5.0 *Steps for Changing the Password*.

Figure 16 - PARS II Login Screen



4.3 PARS II Projects Screen

After successfully logging into PARS II, the Projects screen appears (Figure 17), indicating that the account is valid and that all login steps have been followed correctly.

Figure 17 - PARS II Project Screen

DOE PARS II - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by DOE/DOE

https://pars2dev.doe.gov/Program/wfProjectsInit.aspx

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
PARS II

Selected Project: 000387 - 06-D-401 - Sodium Bearing Waste Treatment (SBWT)
Status Date: 05/28/2011 CPP Data As-Of Date: 03/29/2011
Current Critical Decision: CD3 (BCP)
Current User: ALICETST Logout

Projects *** DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT ONLY - NOT FOR LIVE DATA ***

Find Add Edit Remove View Attachments Reports Change Program Save Configuration

To add a Project: Select Level 1, Select Level 2, Select Level 3, Then click the ADD button.

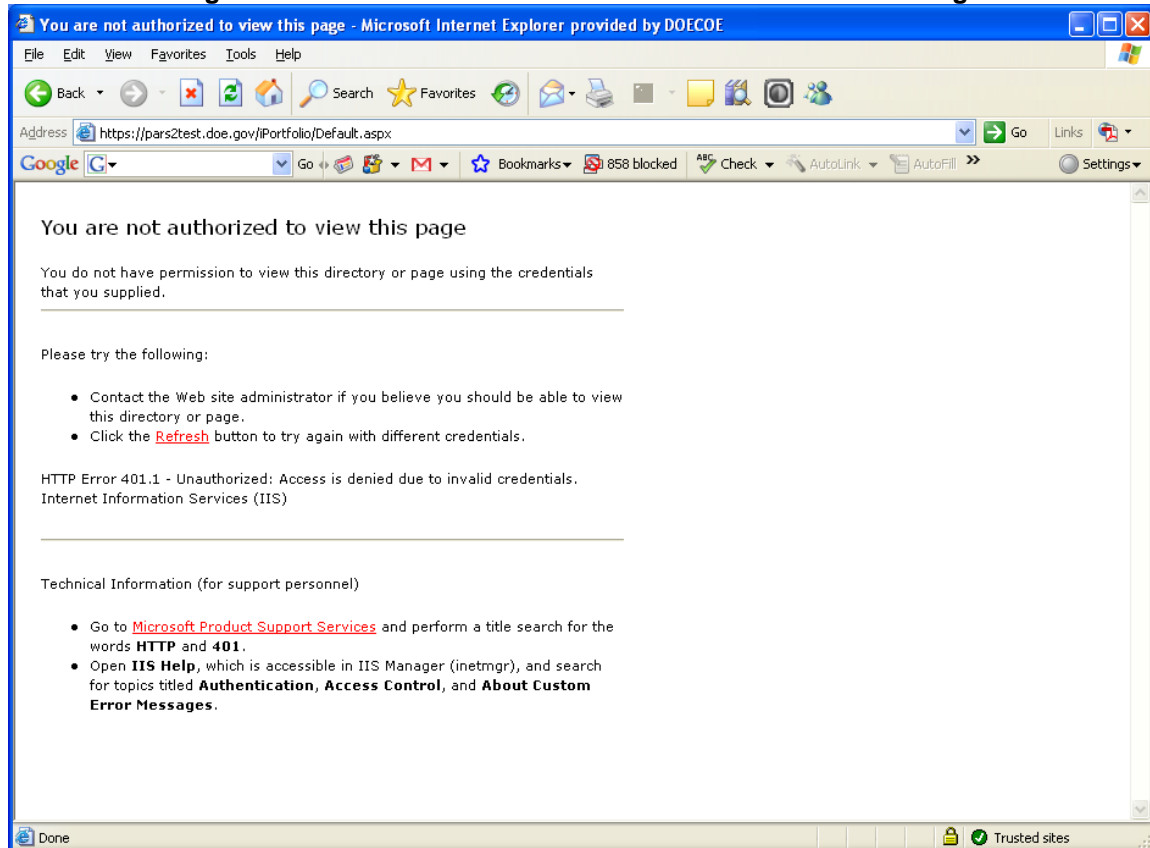
Select a Level 1 Program Office: Select a Level 2 Program Organization: Select a Level 3 Capital Asset Project:

PARS Project ID	DOE Project Number	Project Acronym	Project Name	CD0 Date
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4.4 PARS II Login: Invalid Password Screen

The login error page (Figure 18) displays if the user has entered an invalid password three times. If this is the case, PARS II has automatically locked the account and the user should contact the PARS II Help Desk for assistance.

Figure 18 - PARS II Windows Domain: Password Error Message



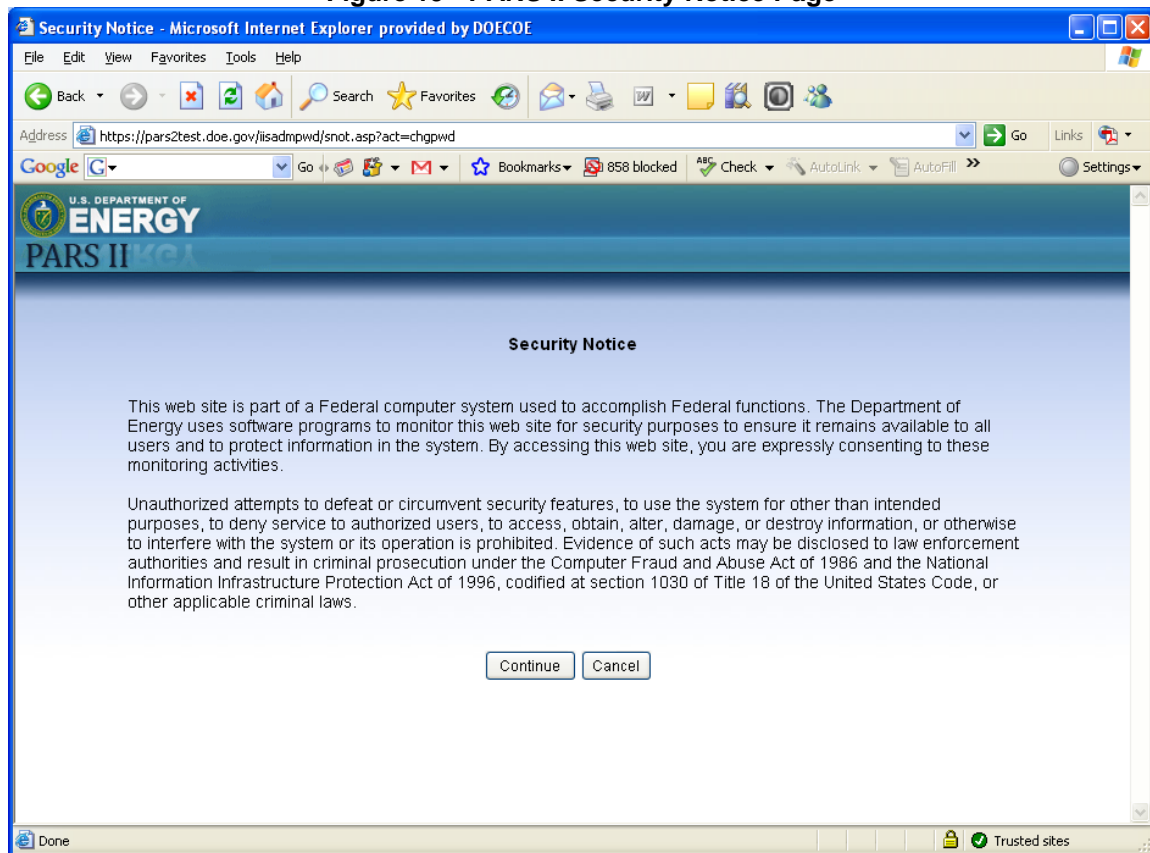
5.0 Steps for Changing the Password

A change to an existing PARS II password can be made by clicking the **Change PARS II Password** link, located on the PARS II Welcome Page. PARS II then displays the following three screens in succession:

1. Security Notice screen (Figure 19);
2. Rules of Behavior screen (Figure 20); and
3. Change Password screen (Figure 21).

The **PARS II Security Notice** screen (Fig 19) is the first screen to appear. The requestor must read the terms posted on the notice and, if in agreement with these terms, press the “continue” button at the bottom of the page. Pressing the “cancel” button re-displays the Welcome Page.

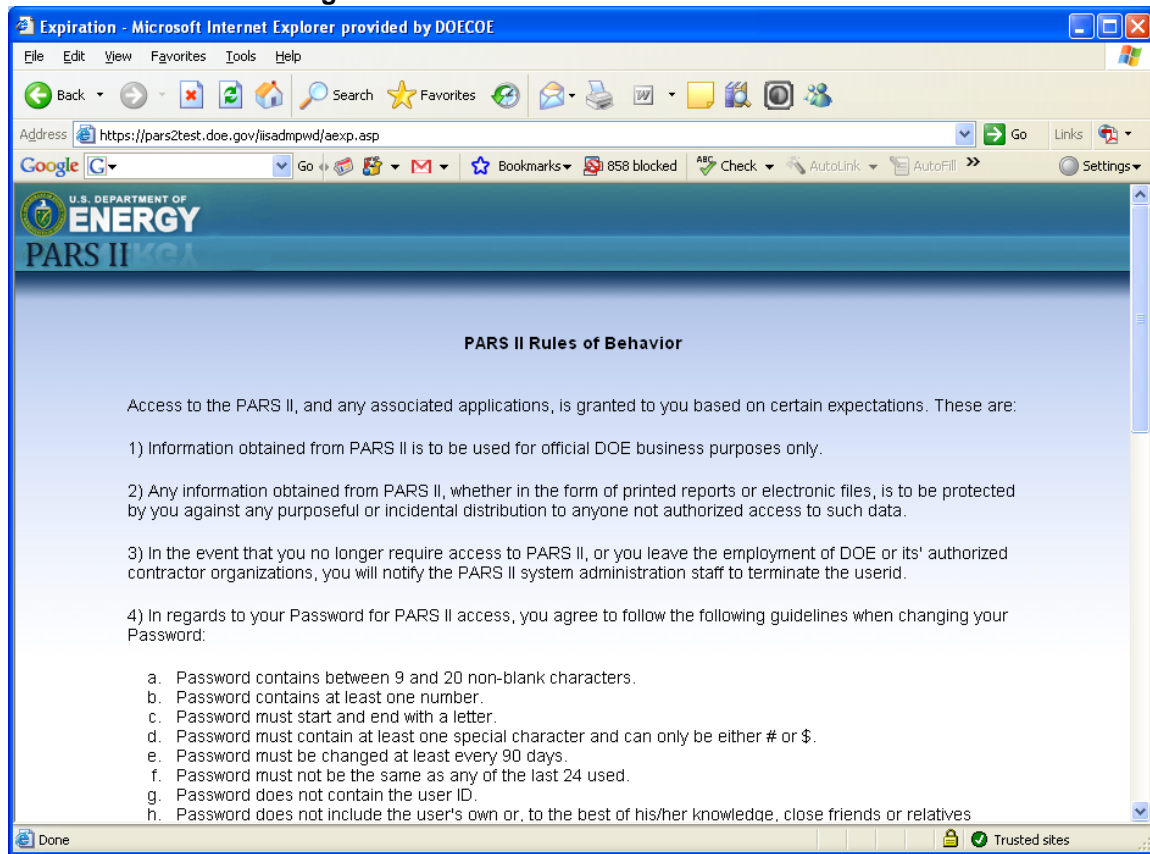
Figure 19 - PARS II Security Notice Page



5.1 Rules of Behavior Screen

The **PARS II Rules of Behavior** screen appears next in sequence (Figure 20). The terms on the screen should be read carefully to understand what is required to change your password. Use the vertical scroll bar to read the entire page and, when done, click the “I Accept These Rules of Behavior” button.

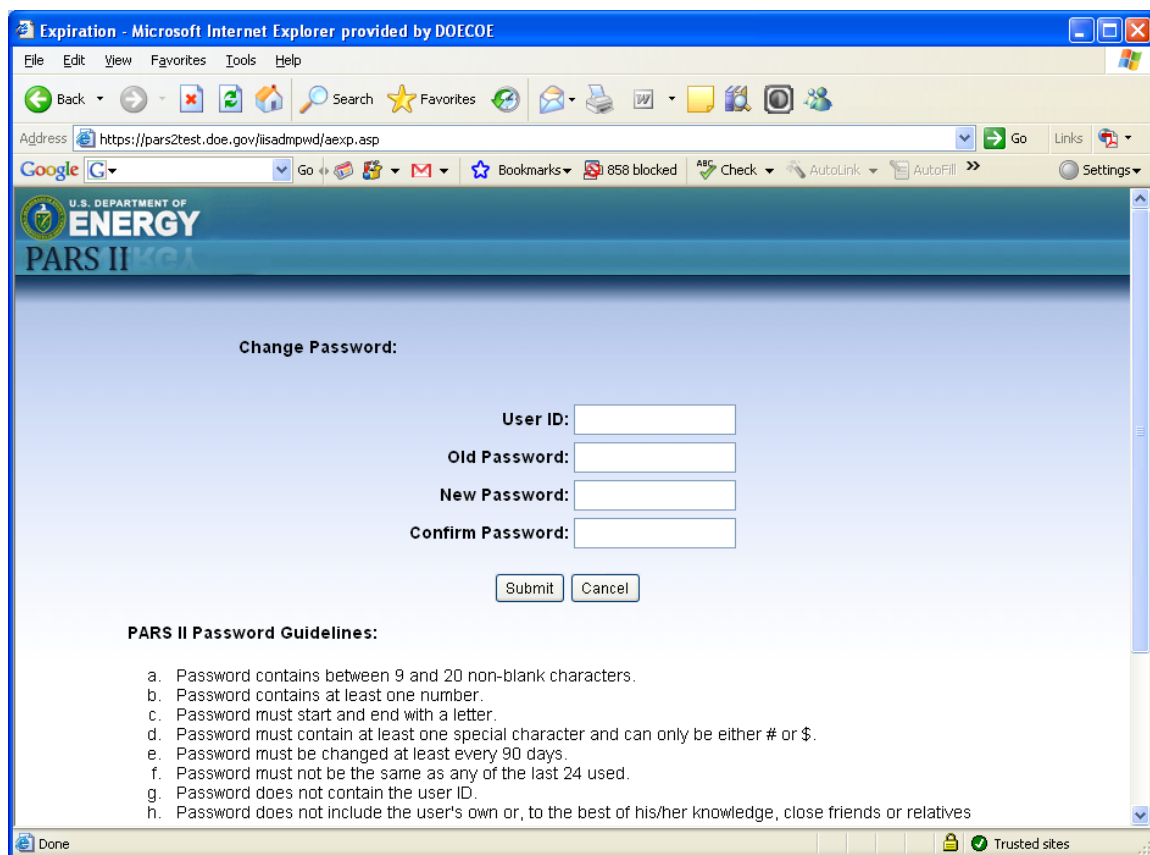
Figure 20 - PARS II Rules of Behavior Screen



5.2 Change Password Screen

The **PARS II Change Password** screen appears in order (Figure 21). The reader is required to develop password text that complies with the guidelines shown on the Rules of Behavior screen. To change the password, the user must enter the following information on the screen:

- The value of your previously assigned PARS II user name, to be placed in the User ID field;
- The value of your current PARS II password, to be placed in the Old Password field;
- The value of the new password you are creating, to be placed in the New Password field.
Remember that passwords are case-sensitive.
- Enter the new password (again), to be placed in the Confirm Password field.
- And then press the Submit button.
- Please take note of the *help text* located in the lower left-hand corner of the screen.



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window titled "Expiration - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by DOE/COE". The address bar displays "https://pars2test.doe.gov/itsadmpwd/aexp.asp". The page features the U.S. Department of Energy logo and the text "PARS II". The main content area is titled "Change Password:" and contains four input fields labeled "User ID:", "Old Password:", "New Password:", and "Confirm Password:". Below these fields are "Submit" and "Cancel" buttons. At the bottom, a section titled "PARS II Password Guidelines:" lists eight rules (a-h) for password creation. The browser's status bar at the bottom shows "Done" and "Trusted sites".

Change Password:

User ID:

Old Password:

New Password:

Confirm Password:

PARS II Password Guidelines:

- Password contains between 9 and 20 non-blank characters.
- Password contains at least one number.
- Password must start and end with a letter.
- Password must contain at least one special character and can only be either # or \$.
- Password must be changed at least every 90 days.
- Password must not be the same as any of the last 24 used.
- Password does not contain the user ID.
- Password does not include the user's own or, to the best of his/her knowledge, close friends or relatives

Figure 21 - PARS II Domain: Change Password Screen

5.3 Change Password Error Message

If the password entered does not meet the criteria described in the Rules of Behavior, PARS II displays an error message on the screen (see red text at top of Figure 22).

Figure 22 - PARS II Change Password – Operation Failed Message

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer window titled "Expiration - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by DOE/COE". The address bar displays "https://pars2test.doe.gov/lisadmpwd/aexp.asp". The page header features the U.S. Department of Energy logo and the text "PARS II". A red error message is displayed at the top: "Error: The new password does not meet the complexity requirements. Please consult the PARS II Password Guidelines below." Below the error message is the "Change Password:" section, which includes four input fields: "User ID:", "Old Password:", "New Password:", and "Confirm Password:". There are "Submit" and "Cancel" buttons below the input fields. At the bottom, the "PARS II Password Guidelines:" are listed as follows:

- a. Password contains between 9 and 20 non-blank characters.
- b. Password contains at least one number.
- c. Password must start and end with a letter.
- d. Password must contain at least one special character and can only be either # or \$.
- e. Password must be changed at least every 90 days.
- f. Password must not be the same as any of the last 24 used.
- g. Password does not contain the user ID.

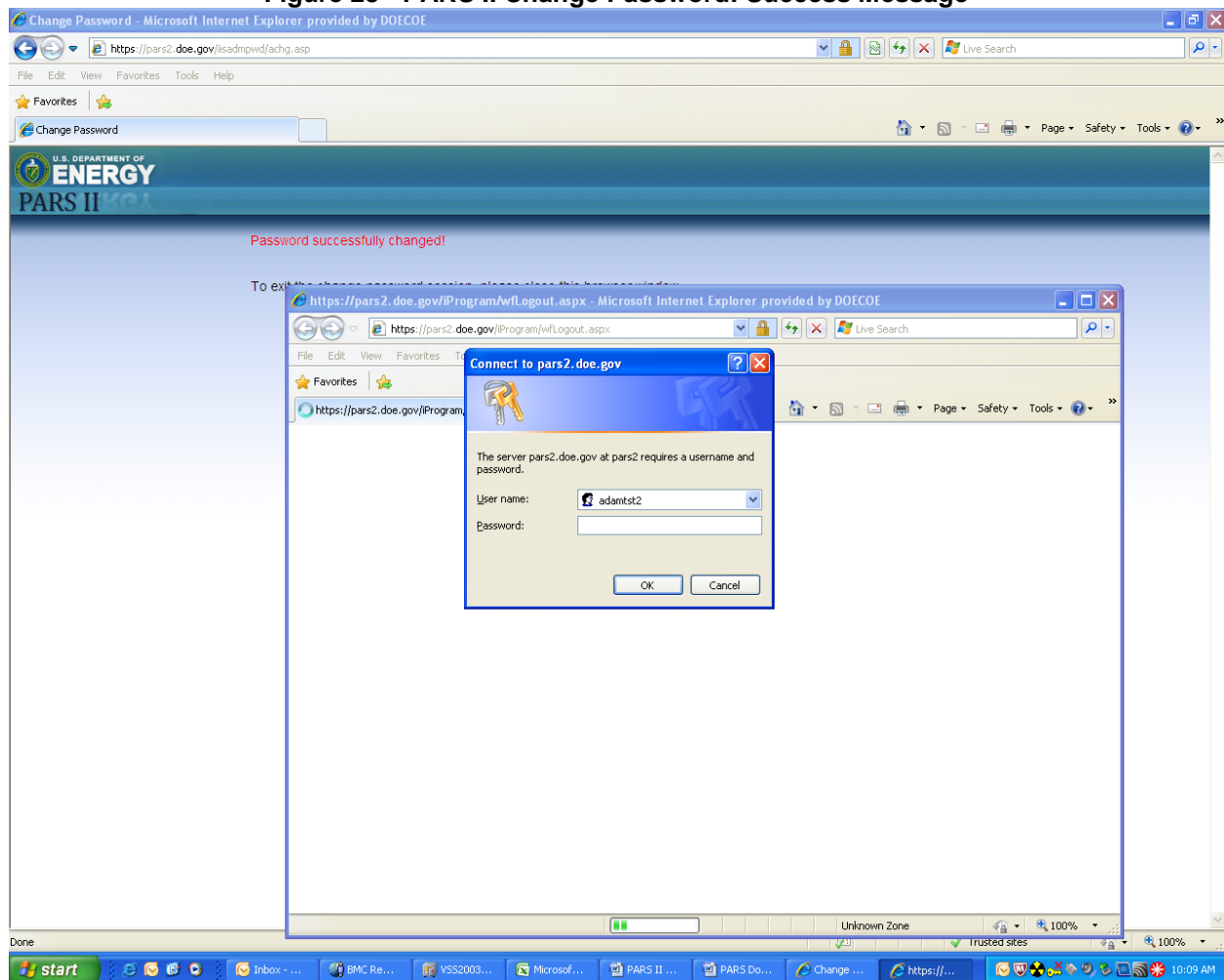
The status bar at the bottom shows "Done" and "Trusted sites".

5.4 Change Password – Success Message

Success in changing the password results in a message at the top of the screen that displays “Password Successfully Changed” (see red text near the top of Figure 23).

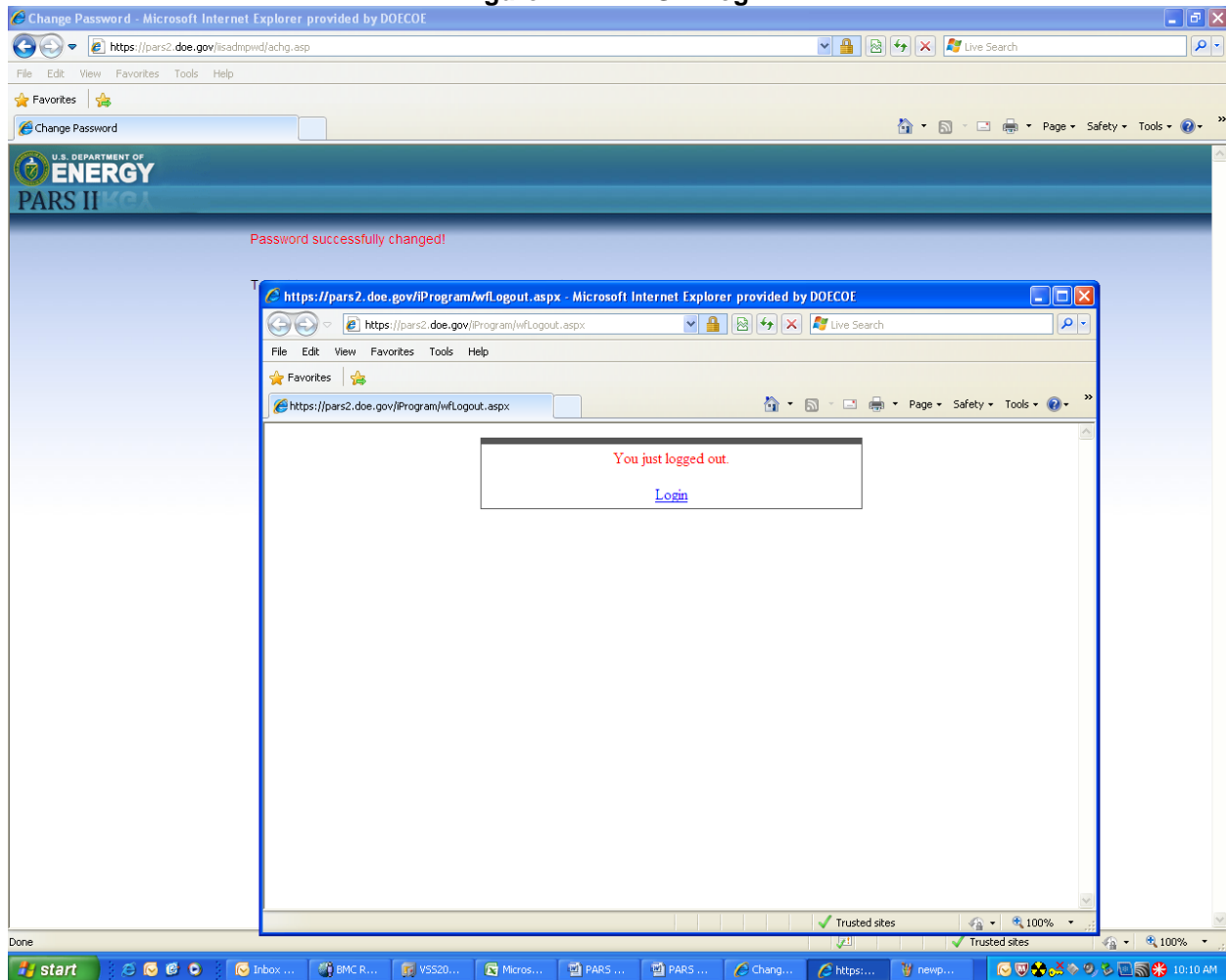
The Userid is captured in the User name/Password screen. Please enter the new password at this screen and click OK. Then click on the Login prompt as shown in Figure 24.

Figure 23 - PARS II Change Password: Success Message



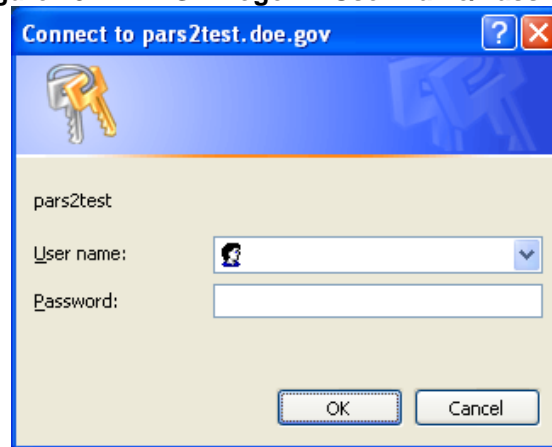
To access PARS II, click on Login.

Figure 24 - PARS II Login



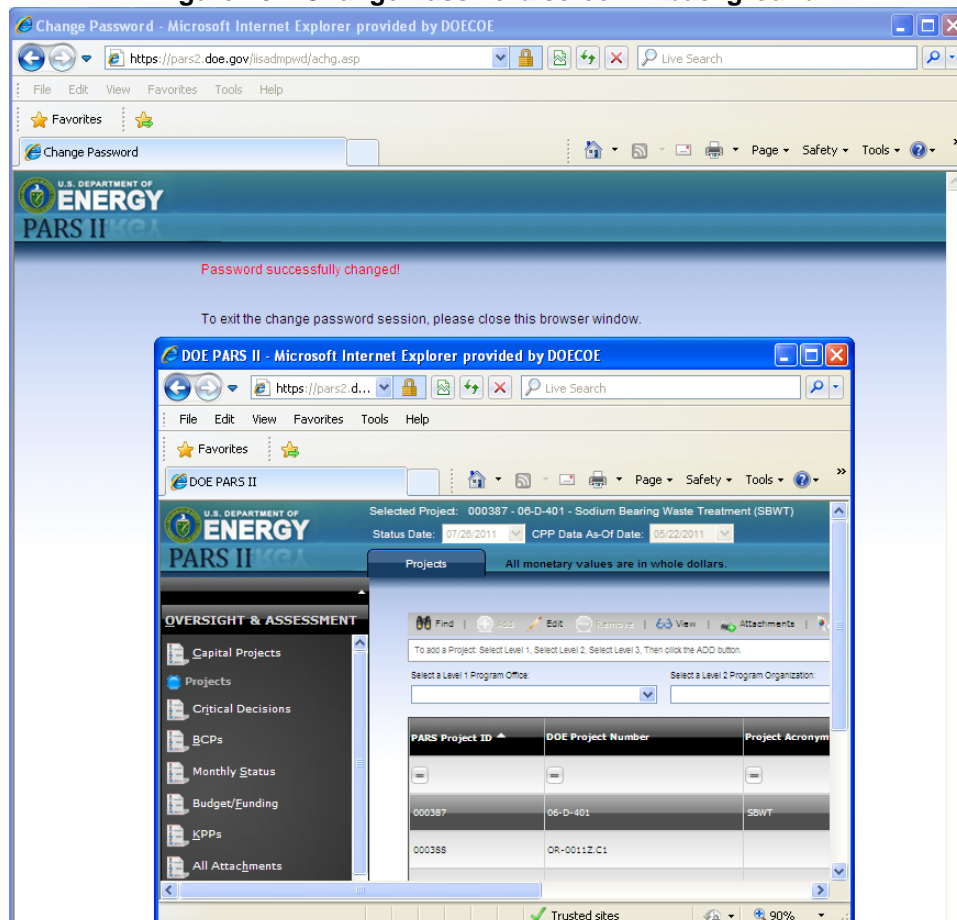
Enter the Userid and new password.

Figure 25 – PARS II Logon – User Name/Password



Once you are logged into PARS II with the new session, the Change Password tab should be closed to exit the Change Password session. Exit the Change Password session by clicking on the red X in the upper right corner of the screen.

Figure 26 – Change Password screen in background

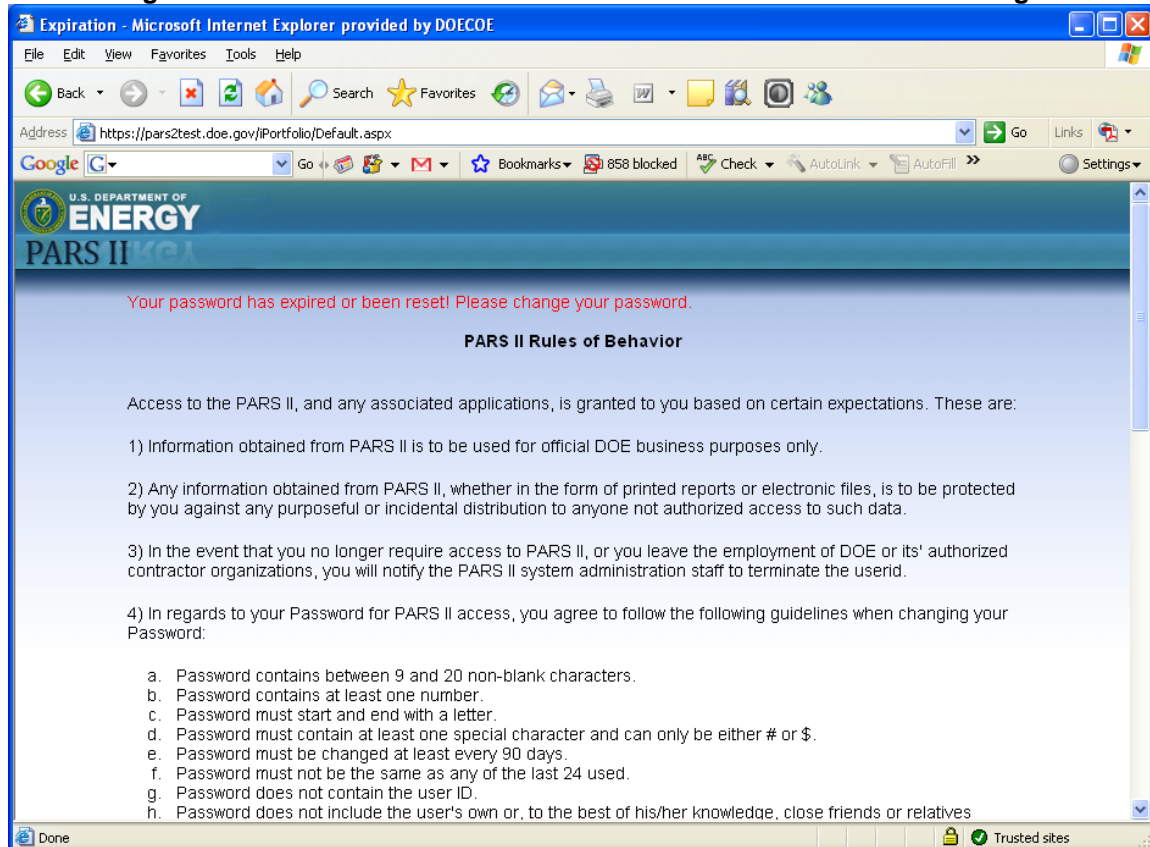


5.5 Changing an Expired or Reset Password

If a PARS II Password has expired (i.e., the password has not been changed in 90 days) or has been reset then a new password must be created using the **PARS II Change Password** screen.

The red text at the top of the Rules of Behavior screen (Figure 25) displays if the user's password has expired or if it has been automatically reset by the application. If this message appears, the user must go to the "PARS II Change Password" screen and update the existing password.

Figure 257 - PARS II Rules of Behavior Screen: Password Reset Message

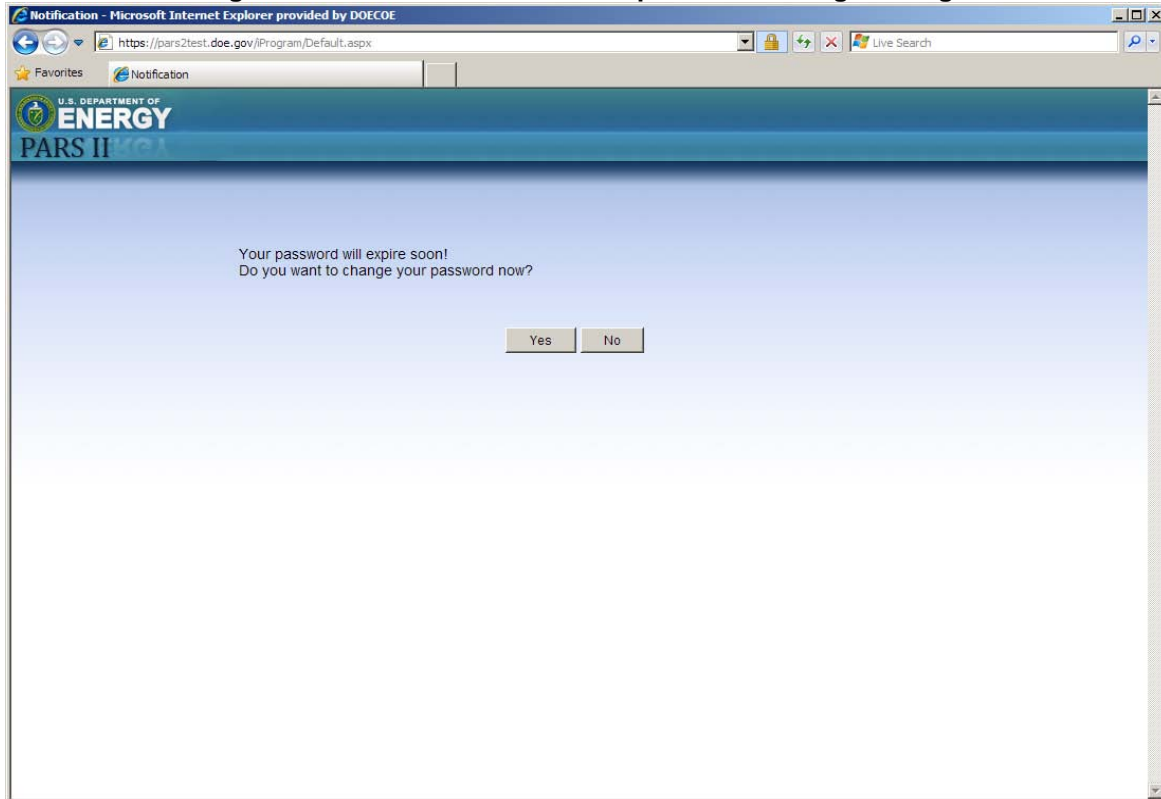


5.6 Password About To Expire

If a PARS II Password is about to expire within the next 14 days, the screen and accompanying text shown in Figure 28 appears after logging into PARS II. This screen allows the user to indicate his/her intent to change the password now, or to change it in the future.

Clicking the Yes button displays the PARS II Change Password screen. Clicking the No button displays the PARS II Select Project screen.

Figure 268 – PARS II Password Expiration Warning Message



6.0 Email the PARS II Help Desk

PARS II Help Desk support personnel can be reached calling 301-903-2500 and by selecting option 4, and then option 5. PARS II Help Desk personnel can also be reached by sending an email to the following address: i-Manage.eas@hq.doe.gov.

A link to the PARS II Help Desk is also available on the [PARS II Welcome Page - PARS II User Account Request](#) and can be accessed by clicking on [Email PARS II Support](#) link. Clicking on this link invokes the workstation's email program (e.g. Microsoft Outlook, Figure 27) and places the PARS II Help Desk address in the *Send To* section of the message. To ask a question or report a problem via email, enter text into the body of the email message and then send the message.

Figure 279 – Send Electronic Mail to the PARS II Help Desk

