

Central HAZUS-MH Users Group Meeting

May 22, 2007

Attendees

- Roxanne Gray (Wisconsin Emergency Management)
- Kevin Mickey (Indiana, The Polis Center)
- Jamie Caplan, (Caplan Associates)
- Pam Soule (LaGrange County)
- Tony Bellovary, Wisconsin
- Kristen Taylor, Minnesota Emergency Management Agency
- Jonathan Marsch, FEMA
- Jeremy Klein, MN

State Reports

Minnesota -

FEMA Region V sponsored an Advanced HAZUS-MH Flood course in Duluth, May from May 15 to 17, 2007. There were a total of 16 participants. Kristen Taylor reported that the class went well. Several participants seemed to indicate that they will be using HAZUS-MH. Minnesota hopes to have some additional training.

Kristen indicated that the Town of Redwing was represented by 4 participants at the class. They anticipate using HAZUS-MH in the near future since they have a dam inundation risk in the area.

Jeremy Klein indicated that he will probably be leaving Minnesota in early June. Kristen will be assuming the role of HAZUS-MH liason for the state at that point.

Wisconsin -

Roxanne reported that Kent has assumed another position at WEMA. He is no longer working with HAZUS-MH.

Roxanne G reported that Wisconsin has submitted a 2007 PDM grant request to contract with the University of Wisconsin and

The Polis Center to complete a statewide flood and coastal risk assessment using HAZUS-MH. Roxanne has indicated that the PDM has been noted as being approved for further consideration at this time. Tony indicated that the Bay Lakes region anticipates supporting this project as well.

Roxanne reported that Wisconsin has increased the number of counties for which a level 1 analysis has been completed to 18.

Tony reported that there was an NGA effort to collect essential facilities data. This is part of HSIP - Tony to send letter.

Kent submitted two maps to Jaime for the HAZUS-MH for Decision Makers poster.

Ohio

No Report

Indiana

Kevin reported - USGS

Pam reported that her county is moving forward on planning. She anticipates that HAZUS is anticipated to be utilized in response and recovery efforts.

Kevin M reported that the Indiana PDM projects are continuing to proceed on schedule.

Illinois

No Report

Michigan

Jonathan M reported that Mike Franzak has taken another job with the City of Muskegon, MI. We need to find another contact in Michigan. He is not aware of anyone that could assume that role at the state EMA at this point. Roxanne

suggested that the Michigan SHMO - Matt Schnepf (schnepfm1@michigan.gov) - be added to the distribution list.

FEMA Region V

Jonathan reported that there is still no solid indication from FEMA HQ about the status of the National Level 1 Earthquake analysis that could be useful for state mitigation plans. He hopes to receive word soon.

Jonathan indicated that there is a proposed reorganization of the Mitigation and Risk Assessment Branches at FEMA. The final details of that have not been worked out yet.

HAZUS-MH Users Conference

It was suggested that webcasts be done of the conference activities. Jamie will check on this.

The first annual HAZUS-MH National Users Conference will be held in San Diego, California on June 19 and 20, 2007. At present there are approximately 275 persons registered. The HAZUS-MH Conference will be held concurrently with the ESRI International Users Conference being held that same week. No additional cost is required for the HAZUS-MH Conference. Information about the conference, including how to sign up can be found at http://www.esri.com/events/uc/hazus_07.html. Committee members are encouraged to attend and also to tell their constituents about this important opportunity. A conference agenda will be posted online shortly.

CHUG Website

Tony asked if we can get the CHUG website update. Kevin will talk to Shane about that. Jamie will send Shane the final version of an article that Tony sent to Jamie. Tony also offered to help keep the CHUG site updated.

Status of HAZUS-MH MR3

Kevin M reported that there has been no change since the last CHUG meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is schedule for Tuesday, May 22th, 2007 at 9:00 am CT / 10:00 am EDT. A dial-in number will be circulated in the near future.