

Central HAZUS-MH Users Group Meeting

July 28, 2008

Attendees

- Kevin Mickey (Indiana, The Polis Center)
- Jamie Caplan, (Caplan Associates)
- Jonathan Marsch, (FEMA Region V)
- Karina Kovino (FEMA Region V)
- Jared Owen (IL)
- Jim McLosky (MN)
- Pam Soule (IN)

State Reports

Minnesota

Jim M. reported that he is still working on a plan for implementing HAZUS-MH in the state.

Wisconsin

No Report

Ohio

No report.

Indiana

Pam indicated that she will be inviting someone to speak at their EMI conference in October who will speak on HAZUS and GIS.

Illinois

Jared reported that they are in a transitional phase. Illinois State Agencies is moving to a Google enterprise solution at some point in the near future - ESRI will no longer be their platform. He is hoping that they can keep some ESRI licenses to provide the opportunity to continue using HAZUS.

Michigan

No report

FEMA Region V

Development of the FEMA GIS Center is progressing.

Doug Bausch from FEMA R8 came to the region to provide a detailed lecture on HAZUS EQ modeling. There was considerable discussion on approaches to model New Madrid and Wabash Valley Scenarios.

Jonathan mentioned that FEMA is still working on developing a process for managing EQ runs.

UseHAZUS.com Updates

Jamie Caplin told the group that the May addition of the HotZone has been released.

The updated HAZUS-MH Users Conference agenda is now on the Web.

Software Patches and Update Schedule

- HAZUS-MH MR3 Patch 2 - scheduled for release in early August. Will include over 60 improvements/fixes in the flood model as well as several new items in the EQ and HU models.
- HAZUS-MH MR3 Patch 3 - scheduled for release in Oct 2008. Will include updates of transportation, schools, agricultural, and vehicle inventory data.
- HAZUS-MH MR4 - anticipated to be released in February/March 2009. Major new features are anticipated to include ArcGIS 9.3 compatibility and Windows Vista compatibility as well as dam and levee analysis.
- HAZUS 2.0 - anticipated to be released in 2010 or 2011. Enhanced capabilities to include 64-bit support.
- Comprehensive Data Management System (CDMS) - scheduled for release in early August. This tool provides major enhancements to the ability of users to replace the HAZUS-MH provided inventory data in both the state and study region databases with local data.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is schedule for Friday, August 22, 2008 at 11:00 am ET / 10:00 am CT. A dial-in number will be circulated in the near future.