

**MAY 6, 2008 HAZUS NATIONAL USER CONFERENCE****CALL PARTICIPANTS**

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| 1. Eric Berman, FEMA Headquarters                              | 14. Tom Mueller, California University of Pennsylvania         |
| 2. Rick Burgess, City of Punta Gorda, Florida                  | 15. Dan O'Brien, New York State Office of Emergency Management |
| 3. Jamie Caplan, Jamie Caplan Consulting                       | 16. Miguel Pavon, Texas Division of Emergency Management       |
| 4. Sue Evers, FEMA Region 7                                    | 17. David Pimentel, Texas Natural Resources Information System |
| 5. Josh Friedman, New York City Office of Emergency Management | 18. Randy Pullen, New York City Office of Emergency Management |
| 6. Vanessa Glynn-Linaris, FEMA Region 3                        | 19. Jonathan Salomon, NESEC                                    |
| 7. Margaret Griffin,   | 20. Lynn Seirup, New York City Office of Emergency Management  |
| 8. Ron Hess, Nevada Division of Mines & Geology                | 21. Jared Skinner – URS  |
| 9. Beth Howser, PBS&J  | 22. Hunter Smith, Booz Allen Hamilton                          |
| 10. Ken Leep, California Office of Emergency Services          |  |
| 11. Tom LeBlanc, Texas Division of Emergency Management        |  |
| 12. Kevin Mickey, The Polis Center                             |  |
| 13. Jamie Mitchem, California University of Pennsylvania       |  |

**FUTURE CALL SCHEDULE – TO PARTICIPATE 1-800-320-4330 PIN 675346#**

- | <b>• Data Collection</b>          | <b>Thursday, June 12, 2008</b> | <b>Noon Eastern Time</b> |
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| • Using HAZUS for “other” Hazards | Wednesday, July 16, 2008       | 2:00 pm Eastern Time     |
| • HAZUS Conference Update         | Tuesday, August 12, 2008       | 1:00 pm Eastern Time     |

**2008 HAZUS USER CONFERENCE: FROM DATA COLLECTION TO DECISION MAKING, AUG 5-7, 2008, SAN DIEGO, CA - CONCURRENT WITH THE 2008 ESRI INTERNATIONAL USER CONFERENCE.**

The conference is scheduled in concurrence with the ESRI International User Conference. It is scheduled for a half day on August 5<sup>th</sup>, a full day on August 6<sup>th</sup> and a half day on August 7<sup>th</sup>. The first day will end with a reception. The final day will end with a lunch and awards session. The conference is held at the Omni Hotel which is a short walk from the ESRI conference.

The agenda is still in draft at the moment with the theme being “From Data Collection to Decision Making.” Sessions will include the following topics:

- HAZUS-MH beyond 2008
- Using HAZUS-MH with Real-time Data from Shakemap
- HAZUS and Risk Assessments
- Innovative HAZUS Projects
- Technical HAZUS-MH Information – Featuring CDMS
- HAZUS and Hurricane Disaster Operations
- International HAZUS Users

- HAZUS and Catastrophic Planning
- HAZUS Training Workshop
- HAZUS User Groups and HAZUS Outreach
- Unstructured Question and Answer Session

Jack Dangermond, ESRI President, is scheduled to speak. There will be a HAZUS booth set-up at the ESRI Conference. Sponsorship opportunities exist for the HAZUS Conference.

Suggestions: We are still in the planning stages for this conference. If you have a topic you would like to present, or one you would like to hear please let us know. Contact: [Jamie@jamiicaplan.com](mailto:Jamie@jamiicaplan.com) or [bmhowser@pbsj.com](mailto:bmhowser@pbsj.com).

Note: Space will be available at the conference for any HAZUS User Group that would like to meet. Please let us know in advance if you are planning a meeting.

## AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE REPORT

The 2008 APA conference was held in Las Vegas the last week in April. Kevin Mickey attended the conference and reported a real “paradigm shift” among planners. They are beginning to truly focus on emergency management. Many conference attendees visited the HAZUS booth at the conference and they were interested in HAZUS capabilities. In addition, many students and professors of planning visited the HAZUS booth and reported an interest in incorporating HAZUS into their school curriculum. It may prove useful to HUGs to reach out to the APA in their region. Kevin made a good contact from Michigan and intends to invite this person to join the CHUG.

## NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE CONFERENCE REPORT

The 2008 National Earthquake Conference was held in Seattle the week of April 26<sup>th</sup>. Jonathan Salomon attended the conference and gave a brief report. The conference included a HAZUS booth as well as two workshop sessions.

## HAZUS STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

The conversation about the National Earthquake Conference morphed into a conversation about the need for standard operating procedures in terms of the use of HAZUS. Many people tend to run HAZUS scenarios following an earthquake, flood or wind event. However, the use of different data sets means that the HAZUS results vary between users. Eric Berman reported that FEMA Headquarters has put together a working group to look into this issue. Several participants on the call reported how this issue is handled in their state. In California, the GIS Department of California OES runs HAZUS, in Nevada, the Division of Mines and Geology runs HAZUS with data vetted by the State Geologist. Someone on the call recommended a disclaimer be issued with HAZUS reports. FEMA is committed to working with their state partners and will create an amicable solution here.

## NEW USER GROUP WEB PAGES ON USEHAZUS

1. New England HUG (NEHUG) <http://www.usehazus.com/nehug/index.php>
2. Virginia HUG (VAHUG) <http://www.usehazus.com/vahug/index.php>
3. FEMA Region IV (Southeast) HAZUS Technical Team <http://www.usehazus.com/r4hug/index.php>

Coming soon: Texas HUG

## HUG UPDATES

### FLHUG

The Florida HAZUS User Group is partnering with FEMA Region IV with support from Washington Headquarters to deliver a custom two day interactive course during the Florida Governor's Hurricane Conference in Fort Lauderdale. The course is a special high level version of the HAZUS for Operations previously delivered at the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) in Emmitsburg, Md.

PBS&J representatives along FEMA's Joe Rachel and several FLHUG members will be presenters during the two day class and a workshop held later during the conference. Florida Division of Emergency Management is providing strong support for the class and workshop.

The objective is to demonstrate through hands on breakout group activities how HAZUS can be used in operational conditions. In addition the class and workshop will showcase developments of CDMS and Web Portal developed for South Carolina and now Florida.

### CENTRAL VALLEY HUG

Ken Leap thanked FEMA Headquarters and FEMA Region 9 for their support in developing and customizing HAZUS courses for the Central Valley HUG.

Eric Berman reminded everyone on the call that EMI is FEMA's primary source for HAZUS training.

### NEW ENGLAND HUG GETS A BOOST

The New England HUG is getting a much needed boost. Jonathan Salomon is working with Jamie Caplan and Kerry Bogdan to organize the NEHUG. A website has been created as well as a Google Group. You can link to each at <http://www.usehazus.com/nehug/index.php>.

## HAZUS SUCCESS STORIES

Share your successes! We would like to put together success stories regarding how you are using HAZUS. Have you used HAZUS to update a pre-disaster mitigation plan, or to justify mitigation projects? All projects are relevant. Please give me a call to discuss your work with HAZUS (Jamie 413-586-0867). To view previously published success stories visit [www.usehazus.com](http://www.usehazus.com).

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## TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENTS

## EMI HAZUS COURSES

**Advanced HAZUS-MH for Flood**

- Course Number: E172
- Dates: June 16-19, 2008

**Basic HAZUS-MH**

- Course Number: E313
- Dates: July 14-17, 2008

**HAZUS-MH / DMA 2000 Risk Assessment**

- Course Number: E296
- Dates: August 4-6, 2008

**Comprehensive Data Management for HAZUS-MH**

- Course Number: E317
- Dates: September 8-11, 2008

## ON-LINE HAZUS COURSES

HAZUS Podcast – Introducing the HAZUS-MH Web Courses at [www.esri/podcasts](http://www.esri/podcasts)

Courses at <http://training.esri.com/gateway/index.cfm?fa=catalog.gateway>

1. HAZUS-MH Overview and Installation
2. HAZUS-MH for Decision Makers
3. Introduction to Using HAZUS-MH to Assess Losses from a Riverine Flood Hazard
4. HAZUS-MH Flood Model Output and Applications
5. Integrating User Supplied Hazard Data into the HAZUS-MH Flood Model
6. Introduction to Using HAZUS-MH for Hurricane Loss Estimation
7. Introduction to Using HAZUS-MH for Earthquake Loss Estimation