



Central HAZUS-MH User Group Meeting

July 7, 2009

11:00 am to Noon pm EST

Attendees

- Jaime Caplan (National HUG Facilitator)
- Kevin Mickey (Indiana, The Polis Center)
- Tom McClintock (University of Wisconsin Madison)
- Jim McClosky (Minnesota)
- Jonathan Sorg (ODNR)
- Jack Schmitz (Polis)
- Adam Campbell (Polis)
- Megan Carlson (Southern Illinois University)

Software Patches and Update Schedule

- HAZUS-MH MR3 Patch 3 - This patch was released in mid June. Note that there is an error in the release notes. The patch does NOT support Windows XP SP3.
- HAZUS-MH MR4 and CDMS Version 2.5 - HAZUS-MH MR4 is still anticipated to be released prior to the HAZUS National Conference in August 2009.
- CDMS 2.5 is anticipated to be released shortly after the HAZUS National Conference
- Both HAZUS-MH MR4 and CDMS 2.5 will support the ArcGIS 9.3 SP1 and Windows XP SP3 platform.
- Neither HAZUS-MH MR4 nor CDMS 2.5 will support the Windows Vista platform.
- It was emphasized that software release dates are subject to change.
- Kevin M reported that the new anticipated HAZUS Virtual Data Management course release date on the ESRI Virtual Campus has been changed to August/September 2009.

HAZUS Activity Reports

FEMA Region V Updates

- No Report

Illinois Updates

- Kevin M reported that he understood that the Illinois Water Survey has finalized a contract with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency for enhanced HAZUS-MH analysis. This study will include Henderson, Hancock, Mercer, and Pike counties along the Mississippi R. The Water Survey will be partnering with the University of Illinois extension. This report is unconfirmed.
- The Polis Center - in collaboration with Augustana College and the University of Southern Illinois Carbondale - are in the process of supporting multi-hazard mitigation plan development for 31 Illinois counties.

Indiana Updates

- Kevin M reported that Service Oriented Architecture project for flood modeling that was reported on in the previous meeting is likely to be expanded to include 20 additional stream gages in Indiana. This work will be funded by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. It represents a methodology for integrating credible flood depth grid modeling tools with local building data to produce rapid and accurate loss estimations via a web interface. The HAZUS-MH damage curves are an integral part of this effort.
- Indiana Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) Model The project being done by The Polis Center in collaborating with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security and Integrated Solutions Consulting to devise a method to compare, assess, and evaluate natural, technological, and political hazard (hazard analysis) with the underlying vulnerabilities (risk assessment) is nearing completion.

Michigan

- No report.

Minnesota

- Jim McClowsky reported that Minnesota is still awaiting notification of PDM funding for the statewide flood analysis. The project duration is approximately two years for a flood analysis.

Ohio

- Jonathan Sorg reported that ODNR is hoping to use past level 1 flood studies to prioritize updates under RiskMap.
- No HAZUS analysis is being done in Ohio at this point in time.

Wisconsin

- Tom McClintock reported that they do not have any HAZUS analysis currently underway.

Strategic Priorities

Best Practices

At the next CHUG meeting we will discuss forming working groups that will report to the CHUG steering committee. Work groups that will be formed include the following:

- CHUG Community Outreach
- CHUG Region Flood Hazard Best Practices
- CHUG Region Earthquake Hazard Practices
- CHUG Region Inventory Collection Practices

Tasks to complete at the next meeting include:

- Selection of work group chairs (must be members of and regular participants on the steering committee)
- Identification of work group members (with opportunity to expand as needed)
- Definition of work group missions

Guest Speakers

Kevin M proposed that we begin scheduling guest speakers for each of the CHUG meetings. These individuals would discuss updates in the technology, best practices, ongoing research, etc. We may also want to look into the opportunity to do WebEx's for these sessions.

Determination of speaker topics will be one of the tasks to be addressed by the Community Outreach work group.

National HAZUS Conference Update

- The 2009 National HAZUS Conference will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina from August 10 to August 12. The conference theme is 'Connecting the Pieces for Mitigation.'
- Jamie Caplan reported that there is still an opportunity to submit posters. Information about poster requirements can be found at <http://www.usehazus.com/events/conferences/>

2009 Meeting Schedule

- August 19 - 11:00 to Noon ET
Phone Number: (317) 278-7008
Participant PIN: 624940#
- September 10 - 10 to 11 am ET
Phone Number: (317) 278-7008
Participant PIN: 832504#
- October 14 - 1:00 to 2:00 ET
Dial-in TBD
- November 16 - 11 to Noon ET
Phone Number: (317) 278-7008
Participant PIN: 488757#
- December 14 - 11:00 to Noon ET
Phone Number: (317) 278-7008
Participant PIN: 145362#