



Central HAZUS-MH User Group Meeting

October 14, 2009
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm EST

Attendees

Jaime Caplan (National HUG Facilitator)
Kevin Mickey (Indiana, Polis Center)
Mike Sobocinski (Michigan)
Ron Stewart (Illinois Emergency Management Agency)
Jared Owen (Illinois Emergency Management Agency)
Jan Crider (Indiana Department of Homeland Security)
Lisa Graff (Illinois Water Survey)
Jon Remo (Southern Illinois University)
Adam Campbell (Polis Center)

Software Patches and Update Schedule

HAZUS MR4 and Patch 1 and CDMS v2.5 are available.

Lisa Graff brought up an issue around hydraulics in MR4.

Kevin Mickey and Jamie Caplan discussed issues that exist around the new versions of CDMS 2.5 that involve queries of aggregate data. An updated version of CDMS 2.5 should be posted on the FEMA website this week.

HAZUS Activity Reports

Minnesota

Kevin Mickey reports that Jim McClowsky communicated to him by email that the Statewide Flood Analysis is moving along well. They should start soon.

Indiana

Jan Crider reported that the facility for the 2010 National HAZUS Conference has been booked in Indianapolis. The date is set for August 23 to 25, 2010.

Kevin Mickey and Jan Crider discussed having more classes in Indiana. Kevin also reported that a CDMS virtual course will be online in the near future.

Jan Crider shared the practical uses of HAZUS in Indiana, like along the Tippecanoe River, and in the Ravenswood area of Marion County.

Illinois

Ron Stewart reported that IEMA relies mainly on the Water Survey for HAZUS runs. IEMA would like to do a statewide run, but does not have the resources as of now.

Jared Owen reported that Jon Remo at SIU Pre-Disaster Mitigation efforts have been very helpful in many different ways.

Lisa Graff reported that the Water Survey is writing plans in 4 counties in cooperation with University of Illinois.

Lisa Graff reported that in one county in Illinois the HAZUS generated floodplain will be used as a DFIRM boundary.

Jon Remo reported that SIU has very good data and offered to share with others in Illinois.

Michigan

Mike asked questions about the meetings from the September call. He asked who would be willing to come and speak to RPC's in Michigan. Kevin M offered to work with him to arrange a speaker for that purpose.

Mike reported that he is trying to reach Scott Morlock of the USGS in Indiana, to learn about the Silver Jackets collaboration. Jan and Mike will be speaking offline about how the Indiana collaboration with the USGS worked.

Ohio

No Report

Wisconsin

No Report

FEMA Region V Updates

No Report

Strategic Priorities

Best Practices

Kevin Mickey brought up the questions of the User Group creating Best Practices Documents. Jamie Caplan volunteered to help organize and write the documents with User Group help. Next, Jan Crider suggested that it would be helpful to focus on data improvements in certain projects. Jared Owen shared that the SIU earthquake studies could be helpful in the future. Jon Remo reported that there are a few master's students working with HAZUS and suggested that their theses might be helpful with Best Practices.

Agenda for the coming year

Kevin Mickey asked everyone what they would like to see the direction of the Central HAZUS Users Group be in 2010. Jamie Caplan thought it would be helpful if each state had more HAZUS stakeholders. No more suggestions were brought up so Kevin tabled the discussion for the next call asking the group to think about the question.

2009 Meeting Schedule

November 16 – 11 to Noon ET
Phone Number: (317) 278-7008
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December 14 – 11:00 to Noon ET
Phone Number: (317) 278-7008
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