

Central HAZUS-MH Users Group Meeting

November 24, 2008

Attendees

- Jaime Caplan (National HUG Facilitator)
- Jonathan Marsch, (FEMA Region V)
- Kevin Mickey (Indiana, The Polis Center)
- Kristen Lion (Indianapolis EMA)
- Stacy Starke (University of Minnesota, Duluth)
- Steve Graham (University of Minnesota, Duluth)
- Jared Owen (IEMA)
- Gerald Nieman (INDOT)
- Lee Treager

Software Patches and Update Schedule

- HAZUS-MH MR3 Patch 3 - scheduled for release in late 2008. Patch 3 is anticipated to be compatible with ArcGIS 9.3 Service Pack 1 and Windows XP SP3.
- HAZUS-MH MR4 - anticipated to be released in February/March 2009.

Region V Training Opportunities

- Kevin M reported that the new HAZUS Virtual Data Management course release date on the ESRI Virtual Campus has been changed to February/March 2009. This is because the goal will be to ensure that CDMS is compatible with ArcGIS 9.3 SP 1.
- The Indiana Department of Homeland Security is planning to sponsor multiple HAZUS courses in Indiana in the late Fall of 2008 and Winter of 2009. The courses include *ArcGIS for Emergency Managers*, *Basic HAZUS-MH*, *HAZUS-MH for Flood*, *Catastrophic Earthquake Planning Using HAZUS-MH*, and *Comprehensive Data Management for HAZUS-MH*. The courses are free and open to everyone, but no travel expenses will be reimbursed. All courses, with the exception of the *Catastrophic Earthquake Planning Using HAZUS-MH* course will be eligible for EMI credit. Dates and locations for each course

will be announced in the near future. Anyone interested in the courses should contact Kevin M (kmickey@iupui.edu) as soon as possible so that they can be added to the list.

CHUG User Group Reorganization and Expansion

The group continued the discussion about forming a separate HAZUS-MH user group within each state of FEMA Region V with a point of contact assigned to each state.

The following individuals were suggested as points of contact options by steering committee.

State	Suggested POC
Indiana	Kevin Mickey, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis
Illinois	Nicolas Pinter, Southern Illinois University
Wisconsin	Tom McLintock, University of Wisconsin
Minnesota	TBD
Michigan	TBD
Ohio	TBD

Kevin M reported that he left a message with Nicolas Pinter to ask about whether he would assume the role of point of contact for Illinois.

Robbie Stoikes was unavailable to report on whether he had spoken with Tom McClintock about assuming the point of contact role. Kevin M will contact Robbie Stoikes to determine whether he spoke with Tom McClintock. Kevin M will also contact Jim McClosky to determine whether he can recommend a point of contact for Minnesota.

The following information defines the roles of state user group chairs and a redefined role for the Central HAZUS Users Group Steering Committee. These items were agreed to at the meeting today.

State User Group Point of Contact Role

- Act as the primary point of contact for each state for HAZUS users within that state.
- Coordinate and facilitate HAZUS-MH activities within the state to include meetings and conferences.
- Participate in the national HAZUS user group chairs call
- Serve as a member of the Central HAZUS Users Group Steering Committee

Central HAZUS Users Group Role

- Membership would be composed of the state user group chairs, FEMA Region V representatives, and other representatives as appropriate
- Identifies major initiatives within the region that impact all of the states in the region
- Serves as the conduit between FEMA Region V and the state user groups

HAZUS Wiki and Forum

- Jamie C described the intended purpose of the new HAZUS Wiki and user forums. Both will be available on the Web for anyone to read. Contributions to either resource will require sign-in.
- The forum will start with categories on general announcements, universities, HAZUS applications, etc. Discussion threads will be ongoing. The forum will be monitored post posting.
- The HAZUS Wiki

State Reports

Deferred until the next CHUG meeting.

Next Meeting

Proposed Agenda

- Introduction of new HAZUS state points of contact
- Detailed discussion of improvements in HAZUS being released with HAZUS MH MR3 patch 3, HAZUS MH MR4, and CDMS updates.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 17, 2008 at 11:30 am ET / 10:30 am CT. A dial-in number will be circulated in the near future.