

Telemeeting Notes

November 21, 2012, 10:30 – 11:30

1-877-413-4790 conference ID 3381344#



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Attendees:

Steve Dickey, Joe Drechster, David Hamilton, Harvey Hill, Bruce Kelly, Michel Lynch, Glen Magel, Sarah North, Bert Struik, Malaika Ulmi, Maggie Wojtarowicz, Eric Wright

Introduction

The forum is the 14th of monthly opportunities to share knowledge about incorporating Hazus Risk Assessment into disaster reduction decisions in Canada. The NRCan Quantitative Risk Assessment Project of the Public Safety Geoscience Program supports the forum until November 2013 (or so, maybe).

Suggested telemeeting program :

- 1 Introductions, news and views
- 2 Outcomes of the CRHNet CanHUG meeting
 - 2.1 Training opportunities
 - 2.2 Data libraries
 - 2.3 Resources
- 3 Hazus Starter Kit program introduction
- 4 Discussion

Your News and Opportunities

What's Your Hazus News?

CanHUG discussion forum: LinkedIn.com

http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=4546481&trk=hb_side_g

Hazus Training

- L317 Comprehensive Data Management for Hazus course in Tacoma, WA March 26-29th, 2013. Contact Kelly Stone of FEMA Region X to request taking the course (kelly.stone@fema.dhs.gov). Course taught by Eric Coughlin, with Atkins/STARR.
- Hazus for Earthquake course at EMI December 10-13th, 2012. Information on applying to EMI courses can be found here: <http://training.fema.gov/Apply/> **Emergency Management Institute, 16825 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD 21727**

HAZUS 2.1

“From: FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) <fema@service.govdelivery.com>

Date: 10/01/2012

Subject: Hazus 2.1 Service Pack 1 Release

Hazus 2.1 Service Pack 1 Release

The Hazus 2.1 Service Pack 1 (SP01) upgrade will be available starting September 28th, 2012. This service pack upgrade includes changes to all Hazus hazards, (flood, earthquake, and hurricane modules). Once available, Hazus will detect the service pack through its built-in auto-update tool and will prompt the user to download and install the patch the next time you log in.

For more information on this service pack, please see the FAQ document located on the Hazus Help Desk: <https://support.hazus.us>. Once you are logged in, the document is listed in the box labeled “Announcements.” If you have further questions, please email helpdesk@support.hazus.us. ”

Hazus 2.1 CDMS beta for Canada available.

Nicky Hastings is custodian: nicky.hastings@nrcan.gc.ca

Hazus 2.1 for Canada access (Earthquake functional for aggregate data, floods does not work with on board dataset)

Contact Nicky Hastings for a copy. nicky.hastings@nrcan.gc.ca

CRHNet 2012 call for abstracts. (Annual Symposium, October 24- 26, 2012, Sutton Place Hotel, Vancouver, BC)

Canadian Hazus Users Group meeting

- Cross border shake map development encouraged between Washington and BC as it is between New England states and Quebec
- Interest in consistent symbology set for Hazus outputs across Canada USA border
- Interest in development of accessible libraries for hazard scenarios and Hazus outputs.
 - FEMA outputs are put on the FEMA Geoportal site.
 - Hazard scenarios included earthquake shake maps and flood depth grids.
- FEMA is revamping their flood module.
- Data input was identified as a struggle with the problem being framed as: What do I have to do to make the data work? Sources of data were also identified as a challenge.
- Kelly Stone shared a document she created to streamline data compilation. I will make available.

- How to use Hazus for mitigation: suggestion of having workshops with various cities interested in such practice and recording results as case studies.
- Recording training on various topics with different groups and making them accessible over the web was seen as opportunity. Washington state user group doing that.
- Operational issues discussed were:
 - Why does UDF earthquake loss estimate give higher losses than an AEBM loss estimate?
 - How to keep distinct the elements of the various data sets as you add details of asset inventory.
 - keep backups of the original, because a coding system does not exist to distinguish the separate asset inventory contributions.

GSC Webinars on Vimeo

Two one-hour webinars: one on earthquake module and the other on flood module of Hazus search for Hazus Canada on Vimeo. Contact Nicky.Hastings@nrcan.gc.ca for background and help.

WaHUG Webinars

<http://www.usehazus.com/wahug/resources>

Instructional webinars on importing shake maps and data management
Webinars of the WaHUG October day meeting.

Hazus Starter Kit program introduction

Suggestion to start a CanHUG program to have a short presentation at each monthly CanHUG on various aspects of getting started with Hazus.

by Bert Struik, CanHUG facilitator, Geological Survey of Canada, Vancouver, BC

Used presentation slide deck: Hazus_starter-kit_Intro.pdf

Proposed beginning today with how to instal Hazus and then to have four sessions on data inputs.

Discussion

Group felt it useful in the presentations to always link the type of input to what kind of output it would generate, and to have visual examples of Hazus operations.

The installation notes are hoped to be useful when participants instal Hazus as the group do not have it installed now. Some took the introductory course to Hazus and have not had an opportunity or reason to instal and use Hazus. For one the drawback was access to ArcGIS.

RESOURCES

FEMA Hazus User Group Leaders

Now Hazus outreach services will be run by Arc Aspicio (IBM)

Arc Aspicio consists of:

Lynn Anne Casey

Kathleen Goulding

Christina Tierno

Their contributions can be found through their LinkedIn Hazus Group

http://www.linkedin.com/groups/HAZUS-822417?home=&gid=822417&trk=anet_ug_hm

They:

1. Support user groups
2. Run two monthly HUG meetings, one for HUG chapter leaders and the other for all.
3. Do Hot Zone newsletter
4. Update user guides
5. Manage Hazus versioning schedule

Information comes out through FEMA GovDelivery which is a FEMA RSS feed that includes option to turn on feeds about HAZUS.

Existing resources and new postings from USA and Canada HUG can still be found at www.usehazus.com. Includes: podcasts of previous Hazus User Group meetings at <http://www.usehazus.com/hugs/podcast/> and iTunes (search Hazus).

Hazus.org still exists and has content and updates

Bert Struik, November 21, 2012