

Meeting Logistics	
Date	February 12, 2013
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Description	Monthly national meeting with Hazus User Group members
Facilitator	Kathleen Goulding

Agenda	
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User Group Discussion

Welcome

- Welcome to the February Hazus User Group conference call!
- If you have any ideas for future calls or would like to present on a call, please contact us at hazus@arcaspicio.com
- This call was recorded and will be available on iTunes as a podcast – search for ‘Hazus Community’ within the Podcasts section

Hazus Updates

- Hazus digital download coming soon!
 - Users will soon be able to download Hazus software online instead of ordering software on DVD through the mail
- South Carolina Emergency Management Division is sponsoring a Tsunami Awareness course on February 20, 2013
 - Berkeley County, South Carolina
 - To register, visit: www.scemdlms.org
- The Hazus for Floodplain Managers course scheduled for March 18-21, 2013 is in jeopardy of being cancelled because of low enrollment
 - If anyone would like to register, please let us know
- Technical Update
 - The security certificate on the Hazus Help Desk site had expired; this is now fixed and users shouldn't have any issues getting to the site
 - On the Hazus DVD, there is a stand-alone file (fixSR) that is used to repair large study regions that are corrupted
 - For those who use the file, there is now a replacement. Please email Andrea or submit a ticket if you'd like the replacement
 - For more information, email Andrea Jackman – andrea.jackman@us.ibm.com

Upcoming Webinars and Training Available through STARR – Kelly Stone

- One hour webinars are provided by STARR which are posted at <http://www.starr-team.com/starr/RegionalWorkspaces/RegionX/Pages/default.aspx>
- Many of these trainings are hosted by FEMA Region X RSC, but other STARR regions (FEMA Regions 1, 5, and 7) are starting to participate as well
- Trainings are normally 1-2 hours and focus on multiple topics including Hazus tutorials for earthquake and flood, using Hazus for mitigation planning, elevation certificates, mapping in an approximate A zone, etc.
- Trainings provide continuing education credits which can be applied to your floodplain manager certification or other certification program
- Many of the trainings are recorded and can be viewed at a later time. The Hazus trainings conducted by Region X are also posted on <http://www.usehazus.com/wahug>

Canadian Hazus User Group Updates – Bert Struik

- The Canadian Hazus Users Group (CanHUG) is national and started in December 2010
- CanHUG is facilitated by Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN) Hazus Canada implementation project
- Affiliated with the British Columbia Earthquake Risk Assessment Collaborative (BCERAC), focused on Hazus Earthquake projects in Southwest British Columbia
- The project to make Hazus easily usable in Canada began in March 2009: Geological Survey of Canada of Natural Resources Canada
 - Pilots in Vancouver and Quebec - Ottawa corridor
- In August 2011, they signed agreement with FEMA to create a Canadian version of Hazus within an initiative to create a North American Hazus
- March 2012 was the release of the Canadian Hazus 2.1 with Canadian Earthquake module and national data set for demographics and residential buildings
- August 2013 is the anticipated release of Canadian Hazus flood module
- Hazus 2.1: Canada, can be obtained from Nicky.Hastings@nrcan.gc.ca
- How to connect with the Canadian HUG:
 - <http://www.usehazus.com/canadianhug>
 - <http://raug.mhrisk.ca>
 - Developing www.hazuscanada.ca
 - Twitter: @RiskAUG
 - LinkedIn: Canadian Hazus Users Group
- There are several presentations available on the usehazus.com site
- The discussions taking place during the Risk Assessment Users Group (RAUG) have covered:
 - Canada's All Hazards Risk Assessment
 - Hazard Scenarios
 - Delphi Methods for risk assessment
- The British Columbia Earthquake Risk Assessment Collaborative (BCERAC) is a project based group working on:
 - Data sharing for Hazus earthquake loss estimation for Metro Vancouver and Victoria
 - Earthquake hazard scenario development
 - Hazus output analysis
- If you have any questions, please contact bert.struik@nrcan.gc.ca

National Capital Region (NCR) User Group Updates – Cynthia McCoy and Jenna McGee

- The NCR User Group recently had a meeting with the new members and below are two goals for the group that were discussed during the NCR call:
 - Developing training opportunities region wide
 - a) Developing a list of available locations for trainings. If anyone in Region III, has an available location for Hazus trainings, please let us know
 - b) Next Call topic: Creating presentations with audio instruction for How to....with Hazus to put on the internet
 - c) If you have any ideas for “how to” topics for Hazus, maybe what you learned the hard way, or beyond the basics, please send us your ideas!
 - Develop a region wide database of Hazus data to be used by States, Counties and Educational Institutions
 - a) Developing a plan for outreach to those who have and are willing to share data or make metadata available to data requests
 - b) A database has already begun

Updates from User Groups

- Silvana Croope, Delaware Hazus User Group
 - Silvana and Cynthia McCoy are having a call and Cynthia is giving a presentation
 - They will put the discussion on their website about how to do data customization for the state and are trying to get more people involved from the state
- Jeff Birslawn, Rocky Mountain Hazus User Group
 - The group is having their first conference call on February 25th at 11am Mountain Time
 - Doug Bausch from Region 8 will be presenting on how they used GIS to support the Hurricane Sandy relief efforts
 - Hazus flood training started today and will continue this week
- Kelly Stone, Region X and the Washington HUG
 - There is a Hazus CDMS course from March 26-29 in Tacoma, Washington and there are still seats available
 - For more information, contact Kelly.Stone@fema.dhs.gov
- Kimberly Pettit, Idaho Hazus User Group
 - There will be a one day Flood Hazard Analysis workshop in conjunction with the Intermountain GIS conference in March
 - The workshop will be on March 14th, 2013
 - For more information, contact Kimberly Pettit at Kimberly.Pettit@idwr.idaho.gov

Next Hazus User Group Conference Call

- The next Hazus User Group call will be March 12th, 2013 at 3pm Eastern Time
- The presentation for that call will be available on the LinkedIn Hazus Group page a few days before the call