

National Capitol Region Hazus User Group Conference Call

Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 10am

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Thanks:

- Thanks to everyone who is attending the call today and for the presenter who shared with us.
 - o Doug Bausch (FEMA Region VIII): Hazus Modernization: Building Blocks (slides 8-30)

Speakers:

- **Call Details** – Meeting minutes, presentation and audio will be posted after the call today (slide 2)
- **Agenda** – (slide 3)
- **Announcements** (slide 4-7)
 - o Hazus Courses at EMI announced through October 2015 (training.fema.gov/emiweb)
 - Next class coming up is E174 Hazus-MH for Earthquake:
March 30-April 2, 2015
 - EMI Hazus Training Specialist – Jordan Manos (Jordan.manos@fema.dhs.gov)
 - o FEMA Region III E317 Comprehensive Data Management for HAZUS
 - Proposed for Spring 2015
 - Training Sites – Delaware, Pennsylvania and West Virginia
 - Delaware – No day and location selected. Continued conversations with the State.
 - Pennsylvania – May 18-21, 2015: Lancaster, PA
 - West Virginia – May 26-29, 2015: Morgantown, WV
 - **Please contact Cynthia if you want to be added to the class roster**
 - o Statewide Geospatial Coordination – Monthly Progress Report
 - Statewide assessments are near complete for all of Region 3.
 - Finalized reports can be found here: www.usehazus.com/ncrhug/projects
 - State assessments complete: DC, DE, PA, MD, VA and WV
 - Local assessments complete: DC, DE, PA and WV
- **Presentation** – Hazus Modernization: Building Blocks - Doug Bausch (FEMA Region VIII) - (slides 8-30)
 - o There are four major focus areas for the modernization approach
 - Technology Refresh – improved reliability, speed, and capability to take on new functionality
 - (Task 1 - Released) Compatible with ArcGIS 10.2 and Windows 8
 - (Task 2) Functional enhancements to the Flood module, Dasymetric GBS
 - (Task 3) Re-architecture and source code update
 - o Moving into Sequel Server
 - o Aim to release this task in September of 2015

- Better Alignment with FIMA Objectives
 - Changes to damage functions
 - Adding 10-12 new coastal depth damage functions as the default
 - Improved Accuracy
 - Enhanced site-specific capability
 - Improving block level losses by implementing dasymetric methodology
 - Hazus-lite Capabilities (allowing non-technical users to have an easy to use customizable interface)
- **Additional Notes** (slides 31-32)
- Hazus Data & Training Collaboration (slide 56)
 - Moving Google Drive Docs to Hazus SharePoint!
 - Migration in progress and will be deployed soon
 - If you want to help test the site, please email Jenna (jenna.mcgee@amec.com)
 - Aim to launch this resource soon!
 - Next Call (slide 32)
 - Thursday February 26, 2015 (see call details below)

Related Documents/Links:

- 01/29/15 Slide Deck with Audio Recording:
http://www.usehazus.com/uploads/forum/January292015_NationalCapitolRegionHUG_Presentation.pdf
- All NCR HUG Recordings:
<http://www.freeconferencecalling.com/Recordings/Podcast.aspx?bridge=697620&accountid=1116753>
- Hazus download: <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/resources/hazus>
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- **Next Call:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 10AM EST
 - Conference # 1-302-202-1110 – **NEW NUMBER!**
 - Pass code # 697620
 - Presentation: Christopher Emrich, University of South Carolina
 - The Social Vulnerability Index,
 - SHELDUS – Their spatial hazard events and losses database for the US,
 - Baseline Indicators of Resilience
 - How-To: James Mawby, Dewberry
 - How to add data (tagging and coding protocols) to OpenStreetMap