

# HAZUS HOT ZONE

Special Conference Edition

## 4th Annual HAZUS Conference:

August 23-25, 2010

Indiana Government Center - South Building  
302 West Washington St  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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## Earn CFM® and GISP Credits at the HAZUS Conference!

If you are a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM®) you can receive up to 12 CECs towards your CFM recertification by participating in the HAZUS Conference. Attendees can also receive Geographic Information Systems Professional (GISP) certification and recertification points for participating in the conference. Speakers are eligible for GISP points for their participation as well. E-mail Rebecca Blankenship at [meetings@opp-llc.com](mailto:meetings@opp-llc.com) for information.

## 4th Annual HAZUS Conference Back Home Again in Indiana!

Last year's HAZUS Conference in Raleigh, NC was the first year that the HAZUS Conference was not held in conjunction with the ESRI Conference. Due to the huge success of last year as a stand-alone conference, we're continuing the tradition and heading to Indianapolis, IN!

Attendees can choose from a mix of 15 technical and non-technical sessions — seven general sessions and eight concurrent sessions. The conference will kick off with a welcome from the Director of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Joseph Wainscott and a strategic overview of the HAZUS Program from Eric Berman, FEMA HAZUS Program Manager.

The concept of HAZUS' integration with Risk MAP was introduced at the 3rd Annual HAZUS Conference: Connecting the Pieces for Mitigation. In 2010, speakers from many localities will discuss how HAZUS is being used in their communities as a risk analysis tool for map updates and mitigation planning. Floodplain management will also be a major topic discussed at the conference, as flooding is the most prevalent hazard in the Indiana region. The general session on Monday afternoon, "Using HAZUS for Floodplain Management: A Federal, State and Local Perspective," will showcase the unique ways that three levels of government use HAZUS.

Doug Bausch, FEMA Region VIII will present how the HAZUS earthquake model was implemented in the aftermath of the recent earthquake in Haiti to provide support to future rebuilding and mitigation efforts. Deputy Assistant Administrator for FEMA Mitigation, Sandra Knight, Ph.D., P.E., D.WRE and Southern Indiana Congressman Baron Hill (D-IN 9th) (invited) will deliver closing remarks on Wednesday, August 25.

The HAZUS Conference is scheduled to head to the west coast in 2011. Details to follow. For the latest conference information including the schedule, speaker bios and conference FAQs visit [www.HAZUS.net](http://www.HAZUS.net).

### While you're in Indy...

Go to <http://visitindy.com/hazus> for area attractions and great coupons exclusively for HAZUS Conference attendees!

## Sign up Today for the "Basic HAZUS-MH" Workshop

**August 23rd - 9am-11am**

**Trainer: Kevin Mickey, GISP**

This course will be offered at the Government Center South Building before the start of the official HAZUS Conference. It will provide participants with an introduction to the capabilities that HAZUS-MH offers for helping communities understand the social and economic risks that they face from earthquake, flood, and hurricane hazards. This course will be taught in a lecture format open to 100 people.

Registration: Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you would like to register, please contact Rebecca Blankenship at [meetings@opp-llc.com](mailto:meetings@opp-llc.com).

## Draft Conference Agenda

Monday, August 23	
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Pre-Conference Training Workshop: Basic HAZUS-MH Training
1:00 pm – 4:45 pm	Opening Session I: Back Home Again in Indiana!
	Opening Session II: The Current State of HAZUS
	General Session: Using Floodplain Management: A Federal, State & Local Perspective
Tuesday, August 24	
8:30 am – 9:45 am	General Session: The Flood Model
10:15 am – 11:30 am	A Panel Discussion with the HAZUS Developers: All You Need To Know About HAZUS But Were Afraid To Ask
	HAZUS Higher Education Resources Consortium and HAZUS User Group Best Practices
1:00 pm – 2:15 pm	All You Ever Wanted to Know About the HAZUS Training Program (and More!)
	International uses of HAZUS
2:45 pm – 4:00 pm	The Earthquake Model
	The Hurricane Model
4:00 pm – 5:15 pm	General Session: Risk MAP
Wednesday, August 25	
8:30 am – 9:45 am	GIS/Modeling
	Other Uses of HAZUS
10:00 am – 11:15 am	General Session: Data Management
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	HAZUS Conference Awards & Closing Session
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Comprehensive Data Management for HAZUS-MH Workshop

## HAZUS Map Gallery Deadline Extended - July 31st

We invite you to further participate in the HAZUS conference by showing your map in the HAZUS Map Gallery. Your maps will be on display in the Atrium of the Government Center which is accessible to the public. They will also be included in the final conference proceedings. You may submit up to three maps. We encourage you to submit maps even if you cannot attend the conference.

Awards will be presented for the following categories (you do not have to be present to win):

- Best practice for data improvements to HAZUS (Level 2 or 3 analyses)
- Best practice for incorporating Risk MAP
- Best incorporation of a HAZUS analysis into a mitigation plan
- Most innovative practice of HAZUS
- Best multi-hazard analysis
- Best integration of other tools with HAZUS

For your convenience, we will print all maps and display them at The 4th Annual HAZUS Conference. All maps should be submitted electronically to Casey Baker by July 31, 2010 at [mapgallery@hazus.net](mailto:mapgallery@hazus.net).

Please also submit an abstract (less than 500 words) to accompany your map(s). Abstracts should include a title, the award category you are submitting under, and names and titles of all individuals that assisted with the map production. (Names are not included in the word count.)

Maps must be submitted in PDF format so we can ensure a quality print job. If you have any questions regarding the HAZUS Map Gallery, please contact Casey Baker at 888-677-0101 x725.



Richard Butgereit, Accepting HAZUS User Group Leadership Award

## 2010 HAZUS Program Awards

### Nominations are now being accepted for the 2010 HAZUS Program Awards

Do you know someone who has accelerated the use and awareness of HAZUS in their community? Perhaps you know an expert HAZUS user who will not cut corners and ensures the best possible results by overseeing the assessments of their local data. In the nomination, please share what mitigation measure this nominee has taken, or what impending plans they have to better communicate risk to communities.

Award categories include:

- Best adaptation/use of the earthquake model
- Best adaptation/use of the flood model
- Best adaptation/use of the hurricane model
- Best overall use of the HAZUS model
- Student Award – recognizes a full-time student at an institution of higher education who has used the HAZUS application

HAZUS awards will be presented during the closing session of the HAZUS Conference on August 25, 2010 from 11:30 am-12:30 pm.

**Don't Delay! Award Nomination Deadline: July 31, 2010**

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