

Telemeeting Agenda

June 20, 2012, 10:30 – 11:30

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Introduction

The forum is the 12th 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
- 2 news and views
- 3 QnA
- 4 Some changes in Hazus user group support
- 5 Some tips for finding Hazus user support
- 6 Discussion

Your News and Opportunities

Harvey Hill gave an update on the Agri-foods and Agriculture Canada project on vulnerability and risk analysis.

Nicky Hastings gave an update on the Hazus-MH CDMS (Comprehensive Data Management System) for Canada.

Nicky Hastings gave an update on the next steps of the NRCan Quantitative Geohazard Risk Project activities.

Discussion on related topics throughout; in particular the move of NRCan to work with Environment Canada to adapt the Hazus flood module for use in Canada, and DRDC support for the initiative.

Bert gave update on changes in outreach management for HUGS, and the British Columbia Hazus and Risk User Group polling.

Agri-foods and Agriculture Canada activity

- Agriculture Canada scientist and policy analysts are in phase 5 of their work on vulnerability and risk measures and have engaged stakeholders from the provincial government in Saskatchewan. They are assessing the value of six case studies in the province. One development proposal of concern is a facility outside Regina that may have downstream impact

on agriculture. Establishing a collaborative effort to evaluate the science and policy of the situation and gather partners to work on the study.

- The group focuses on establishing analysis standards and replicability.
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- Results of studies to date should be out in 6 months. These include areas around the Assiniboine and Redberry Lake biosphere and land-use planning.
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- Would be able to give an update on their progress in 2 months to the CanHUG group. Harvey will send Bert an update for distribution when it is available.
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- Considering how to use Hazus to accomplish the loss estimates they need to measure.
- Murray hopes to be able to join discussions with the research group to be able to help guide the opportunities for evaluation and use of risk measure tools; particularly cost-benefit analysis.
- Ag-Canada has worked with NRCan geomatics on issues of topographic data access and management. In particular they need highly accurate DEMs because of the low relief.
- Developing some field data gathering tools for landscape inventory to ensure consistent data.
- Contact Harvey for more information, because there is more information.

CDMS

- new version being evaluated and will be available shortly. It will be bundled with Hazus 2.1 and released as a package. Updates are available for those who got the Canada Hazus 2.1.

Hazus Canada Flood Module

- NRCan and Environment Canada will work together to create the Canadian flood module of Hazus.
- Recognition that the classic HEC model is not effective.
- Environment Canada recommends not using Hazus Level 1 flood analysis.
- Sarah emphasized that you can use the tool of your choice to create a flood model and import that into Hazus rather than use Hazus to create the model.

Guides

- NRCan writing three guides and two case studies to support use of Hazus Canada: technical manual, practitioner guide, and land-use guide. The case studies are the Metro Van. - District of North Vancouver and the Corridor study in eastern Canada.

Discussion

- Harvey will share some tools they have built by sending them to Bert for the CanHUG.
- University of Ottawa has developed a dashboard tool for earthquake model import into Hazus.
- Harvey impressed with the Quebec – Ottawa corridor study as it has direct applicability to his work.
- Murray suggested baseline scenario test then import those into Hazus to compare mitigated and unmitigated situations.
- Connect the tools!
- Bert to send Harvey links in Saskatchewan who are considering hosting CRHNet Symposium in 2013 in Regina.
- Cam will present Ag-Canada risk story at CRHNet 2012 in Vancouver.

Regional HUGS or CanHUGlets or more intimate hugs.

- Last time we talked about the potential of starting regional HUGS in Canada. A poll of 10 questions is active about a BC HUG and 18 people have contributed so far.

FEMA has contracted a New Hazus manager

Implications for HUGs are a new HUG manager.

What does it matter to you?

1. Will now have another system managed through the new HUG service providers
2. Jamie Caplan and Margaret Walton will no longer provide support services for HUGs, though Jamie's website will still be available (www.usehazus.com).
3. New web communication places will be developed.
4. 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).
5. Hazus.org still exists and has content and updates

Now Hazus outreach services will be run by a group called Arc Aspicio

- Arc Aspicio consists of:
 - Lynn Anne Casey
 - Kathleen Goulding
 - Rob O'Keefe
- They report to IBM as the new Hazus manager
- They will:
 - support user groups

- do Hot zone newsletter
- update user guides
- 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.

LinkedIn Hazus Group

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

Place where you can find chatter about problems people face in Hazus and solutions get posted.

No Hazus Conference this year.

http://www.linkedin.com/groups/no-more-Hazus-conference-Seems-822417.S.126051575?view=&gid=822417&type=member&item=126051575&commentID=-1&trk=view_disc

FEMA has supported an annual Hazus conference in August.

CRHNet 2012 will be our Hazus users conference for 2012. Unless you want an intimate meeting somewhere between Vancouver and Halifax.

Hazus 2.1 for Canada

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)

Call for abstracts: Call for abstracts open until June 29 (*extended*)

Registration now open online.

www.crhnet.ca Annual Symposium > Call for Abstracts

Hazus special session

Resilience Planning special session

Hazus users group meeting

Bert Struik, June 20, 2012