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## Save the Date: Hazus Conference 2015

The 8th Annual Hazus User Conference will be from December 9–11, 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia at the Conference Center of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This year’s theme is “Hazus and the Emergency Management Life Cycle: From Practice to Policy.”

The Georgia Hazus User Group (GAHUG) sponsored event brings Hazus users together and provides an information sharing platform for success stories, best practices, lessons learned, recent research, workshops and discussions on Hazus topics of interest. Check out the [Hazus Conference website](#) for more information.

### Registration

Registration is free and open to the public. Space is limited to 350 attendees. The deadline for registration is **December 4th, 2015**. A confirmation is sent to you 7 to 10 days after your completed registration form is received. Check your confirmation for accuracy. Although registration is free, if you are unable to attend, you are encouraged to cancel your registration to open space for other potential attendees. If you are covered under the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities ACT (ADA), or have any special needs, please contact Terry Jackson at [ylt8@cdc.gov](mailto:ylt8@cdc.gov).

[Register now!](#)

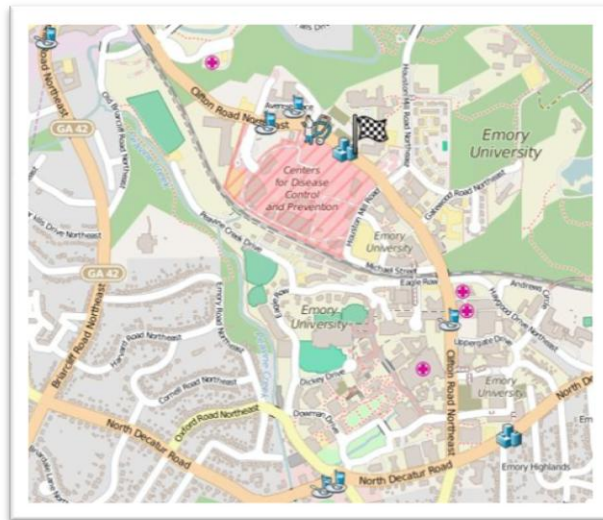
### Conference Accommodations

The conference is being held at the main conference room of the CDC headquarters in Atlanta, GA.

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*Hazus continues to grow both in terms of its capabilities as well as increasing national and international interest. The annual Hazus Conference provides an opportunity for users to meet, collaborate and share information regarding new and innovative applications of the Hazus-MH technology and resources. As the only Hazus Conference, this event will showcase the latest advances in research and practice.*



The CDC is located at 1600 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30333. The conference center and several hotels are located just a 30 minute cab or train ride from nearby Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.



## Upcoming Courses

[E0172: Hazus-MH for Flood](#)  
July 27-30, 2015

[E0296: Application of Hazus-MH for Risk Assessment](#)  
August 3-6, 2015

[E0190: ArcGIS for Emergency Managers](#)  
August 24-27, 2015

Download the course schedule and enroll at the [EMI Courses Page](#)

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While conference attendees are free to stay at any of the hotels in the Atlanta metropolitan area, the Hazus Conference planning volunteers have secured a special discount rate at the nearby [Emory Conference Center Hotel](#). The established discounted rate is for \$135.00 for rooms booked at the hotel for any days between December 6 – 11, 2015. Rates outside of this range may vary and will be sold at regular published rates. Be sure to book quickly because rooms fill up fast. To make reservations, use the following [special discount site](#).

### Submit an Abstract

Participants and attendees are encouraged to submit presentation abstracts that address the theme and any of the four phases of the Emergency Management Life Cycle: Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery.

Submissions can incorporate Hazus-related applications such as but not limited to: the use of Hazus in flood, earthquake, or hurricane studies; international applications of Hazus; academic uses; or enhancements of Hazus hazard and exposure inputs. Details for submitting are below:

- Abstracts should be around 150 words in length and submissions should also include the presenter's complete contact information and a brief biography
- All abstract submissions should be emailed to the Hazus Outreach Team at [hazus@arcaspicio.com](mailto:hazus@arcaspicio.com) and must be received no later than **October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

Feel free to reach out to the Hazus Outreach Team with any questions regarding the abstract collection process.

## Hazus Modernization Task 2 Release

The next phase of Hazus Modernization, Hazus 2.2 SP01, was deployed on May 18, 2015 and featured several enhancements to the flood module. This included the application of the dasymetric General Building Stock (GBS) approach and the implementation of study region aggregation at the custom jurisdiction or neighborhood level.

The service pack was deployed through the auto-update tool built into Hazus. Users need only launch Hazus while connected to the internet and accept the automated patch installation to receive SP01. The updated homogeneous state data and the new dasymetric state data are available via the [MSC Hazus download webpage](#) for free, public download.

If you upgraded your Hazus software with SP01 prior to 10AM Eastern Time on May

26th, directions for users to update an .mdb file that may lead to inaccuracies are available on the [MSC Hazus download webpage](#), under "Download the Software." If you already created a study region using the patch with the incorrect database, you will need to create a new study region with the new database. The previous study region should be deleted and any analysis rerun in the new study region.

Later in Hazus Modernization, the underlying code of Hazus will be re-architected to align with current practices, enabling future development.

For more information about the Modernization effort, follow the Hazus program on [Twitter](#) or [LinkedIn](#) and subscribe to [receive Hazus program updates](#), or contact the Hazus Outreach team at [hazus@arcaspicio.com](mailto:hazus@arcaspicio.com).

