

Meeting Logistics	
Date	November 6, 2012
Time	3:00pm Eastern Standard Time
Location	Conference Call
Description	Bi-monthly national meeting with Hazus User Group Leaders
Facilitator	Christina Tierno

Agenda	
Welcome	Christina Tierno
Hazus Excellence Award Winner	Kathleen Goulding
Hazus Technical Update	Andrea Jackman
Tracking Hurricane Sandy with Hurrevac Software	Eston Spain
Updates from Regions / User Groups	Kathleen Goulding

User Group Discussion

Welcome and Introduction

- Welcome to the November Hazus Leaders call!
- The National User Group call will be next week, November 13th at 3pm EST

Hazus Excellence Award Winner

- Congratulations, Terry Jackson!
 - Terry Jackson is the Director of the Office of Mapping and Decision Support Systems for the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and he is very involved in Hazus activities
 - Terry successfully organized a series of five introductory through advanced Hazus training courses between February and September 2012 – each simultaneously taught at three locations across Georgia using virtual technologies
 - Terry commented: everything is a team effort, and he was lucky to have the opportunity to work with others to promote Hazus
- This Hazus award will be given out on a quarterly basis, so the outreach team will be reaching out to the Hazus community again to nominate another standout Hazus user

Hazus Technical Update

- The technical team has been working on transitioning away from Hazus DVDs and developing a web based download instead
- The work is in progress for a digital download, and once there is more progress and updates, we will notify the Hazus community
- There hasn't been a final decision on whether DVDs will be phased out completely, or if old versions of Hazus will still be available on DVD, but it's possible that some DVDs will still be available if users need them. Once a decision has been made, we will make an announcement

Tracking Hurricane Sandy with Hurrevac Software

- Eston Spain, an Emergency Planner with IEM, used Hurrevac software to track Hurricane Sandy

- Eston chose Hurrevac because it is a “start it and forget it” program – which means you can start the software, let it run, and then come back to view the results
- Hurrevac updates are available as soon as the NHC releases the active hurricane advisories
- Eston started tracking Hurricane Sandy on the Friday morning when he heard it was going to make landfall
 - Hurrevac can be used with Hazus and SLOSH (Sea, Lake, and Overland Surges from Hurricanes)
 - Saturday afternoon Eston starting running the SLOSH model to see what he was looking at, so he then had all three pieces of data
- Using the software, Eston was able to generate a lot of advisories
- The outputs from the software were able to be used and sent out as social media reports (twitter, facebook, LinkedIn), to keep other interested parties informed
- For more questions on Hurrevac, you can visit: <http://www.hurrevac.com/index.html>
- A participant asked whether there had been any validation work on the model Eston ran, and Eston mentioned that since he ran the report for himself and not for any clients, he hadn’t heard of any validation work, but he would like to validate it with Hazus
- The FEMA Geoportal site was running Hazus models and posting them there, so if anyone is interested in seeing more information on Hurricane Sandy, the Geoportal is a good resource

Next Hazus User Group Conference Call

- The next Hazus User Group Leaders call is January 8, 2012 at 3pm EST
- The next National Hazus User Group call is November 13, at 3pm EST – please let your User Group members know of the call
- If you have ideas or suggestions for future calls, please email us at hazus@arcaspicio.com