

Multi-Year Flood Hazard Identification Plan

A COLLABORATIVE 5-YEAR ROAD MAP FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF FLOOD MAPS



WHAT IS THE MHIP?

Through Map Modernization, FEMA will provide reliable digital flood hazard data and maps for the United States to support the National Flood Insurance Program. The Multi-Year Flood Hazard Identification Plan (MHIP) details the 5-year schedule and budget for developing the updated flood hazard data and maps.

The release of the MHIP is a significant step forward for Map Modernization. FEMA is committed to a collaborative planning process that results in high-quality and timely products. By planning flood hazard mapping projects over several years, FEMA provides a venue for tracking progress as flood hazard information is updated nationwide.

HOW IS IT PREPARED?

Creating the plan is a collaborative process. This process will strengthen relationships among regions, States, and stakeholders, and encourage greater participation in Map Modernization.

The business planning process is the foundation of the MHIP. Many FEMA mapping partners contributed to the business planning process in support of Map Modernization. The MHIP also incorporates input from mapping needs identified by the Mapping Needs Update Support System, and ongoing studies.

The plan is based on anticipated funding for Map Modernization for fiscal years

2004 to 2008. Funding for flood hazard mapping will be allocated to each FEMA Regional office based primarily on flood risk. The FEMA Regional Offices use the business planning process to determine the sequencing and planned funding levels within the constraints of available funding for their Region. The MHIP balances national risk management requirements with local community needs.

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

MHIP provides detailed tables and graphs of **projected flood map production sequencing and projected funding** at the county level. The amounts identified for each County flood map update represent planned funding amounts. The actual funding for each flood map update is determined as the scope of the flood map update project is further defined. MHIP includes a summary of input provided through the business plans. It also includes **enhanced mapping standards**, which define levels of detail for data collection and flood hazard zone delineation related to flood risk. The MHIP is available at FEMA's Flood Hazard Mapping Web site at: www.fema.gov/fhm/mh_main.shtm.

HOW IS IT UPDATED?

The MHIP is a living document that will be formally updated twice a year:

FALL

- Updated MHIP available on FEMA web site

FEMA thanks our stakeholders for the continued hard work as Map Modernization moves forward. The development and release of this plan is a major step forward for the multi-year program and clearly shows Map Modernization's dedication to providing stakeholders with production of high quality and timely products.

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MHIP Feedback can be provided at:

www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/scripts/mh_surv.asp

For more information about Map Modernization and Flood Insurance, please visit the following Web sites:

www.fema.gov/fhm

www.floodsmart.gov

www.fema.gov/nfip

hazards.fema.gov

- Pending appropriation

WINTER

- Execution of current fiscal year mapping projects begin
- Business planning process ongoing
- Mapping project sequence updated

SPRING

- Continued execution of current fiscal year mapping projects
- MHIP update available on FEMA Web site

SUMMER

- Stakeholder comment on MHIP update
- FEMA review of comments

In the next MHIP update, FEMA will address comments on version 1.0 received by January 31, 2005. For additional information on the MHIP comment period and updated process, please visit FEMA's Flood Hazard Mapping Web site at www.fema.gov/fhm/mh_main.shtm.

PROVIDE FEEDBACK

FEMA encourages feedback from flood mapping stakeholders, including State and local community officials, flood mapping engineering and mapping contractors, Cooperating Technical Partners (CTPs), National organizations that represent flood map users and other stakeholders, and the general public. You may contact

your state, professional organization, or FEMA Regional office directly.

FEMA will review all comments and update the MHIP, as appropriate. Comments specific to sequencing of flood map updates within a State will be provided to that state to address in planning process. Comments specific to flood mapping for a specific geographic area will also be forwarded to the FEMA Regional Office. The stakeholder comment period for this version ends on **January 31, 2005**.

Each MHIP update will include a summary of comments received by the end of this comment period. While the volume of comments may not allow FEMA to respond individually to every stakeholder, FEMA will summarize major comments and those received from multiple sources, with an explanation of how those comments have been addressed. Comments received after the deadline will be addressed in future MHIP updates as appropriate.