

Multi-Year Flood Hazard Identification Plan



WHAT IS THE MHIP?

Through Flood Map Modernization, FEMA provides reliable 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 FEMA's plan for providing flood hazard data and maps for areas with the greatest flood risk.

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. Updates to the MHIP keep stakeholders informed of FEMA's progress in Flood Map Modernization and continue to serve as a mechanism for feedback.

HOW IS IT PREPARED?

Creating the MHIP is a collaborative process, intended to strengthen relationships among States, FEMA Regions, and other stakeholders, and encourage greater participation in Flood Map Modernization.

The plan is based on funding for Flood Map Modernization through Fiscal Year (FY) 2008. FEMA has allocated funds to each FEMA Regional Office based primarily on flood risk, using factors identified with stakeholder input.

The FEMA Regional Offices collaborate with stakeholders to determine the sequencing and planned funding levels for counties nationwide. The MHIP must balance national risk management requirements with local community needs.

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

The MHIP provides detailed tables and graphs of projected flood map production sequencing and projected funding allocations. Actual funding levels for flood map and data production are determined as flood mapping projects are scoped and projects are further defined. The MHIP also includes a summary of FEMA's steps to enhance map quality.

As part of its commitment to improve the Nation's flood hazard maps and in response to stakeholder feedback, FEMA implemented a Mid-Course Adjustment for Flood Map Modernization to enhance flood map development and product quality. MHIP Version 2.0 was the first version of the MHIP to reflect this strategy. MHIP Version 3.0 continues to reflect this strategy as well as provide FEMA's plan to complete the Flood Map Modernization effort.

WHAT'S DIFFERENT IN THE MAY 2008 MHIP (VERSION 3.0)?

- **Strategy of Flood Map Modernization has remained the same since MHIP Version 2.0**
- **MHIP Version 3.0 is an abbreviated document that focuses on specific areas where changes have occurred from previous versions**
- **Revised Key Performance Indicators 1 and 2 bar charts**
- **Revised the U.S. maps reflecting mapping activities from FY03 - End State**
- **Revised flood map production sequencing (Appendix A)**
- **Created new detailed production report for completed projects (Appendix G)**

FUTURE PROGRESS REPORTS

FEMA envisions updating Appendices A & G of the current MHIP and releasing the updates in annual Progress Reports on Flood Map Modernization.



Multi-Year Flood Hazard Identification Plan



MHIP Version 3.0, and all previous versions, are available on FEMA's Flood Hazard Mapping Website at:

http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/mh_main.shtm

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

<http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/>

<http://hazards.fema.gov>

<http://floodsmart.gov>

<http://fema.gov/business/nfip>

http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/mm_mca.shtm

HOW IS IT UPDATED?

FEMA encourages feedback from flood mapping stakeholders, including local community and State officials, flood mapping engineering and mapping contractors, Cooperating Technical Partners, national organizations that represent flood map users and other stakeholders, and the general public. Local communities are encouraged to contact their appropriate local and State officials, who are working with one of FEMA's 10 Regional Offices.

FEMA will review comments and respond, as appropriate. Comments specific to sequencing of flood map updates within a State will be provided to the appropriate FEMA Regional Office and/or State agency to address. Comments specific to flood mapping for a specific geographic area will also be forwarded to the FEMA Regional Office.

FEMA encourages all interested parties to subscribe to FEMA's Flood Hazard Mapping News Bulletin for e-mail notifications of the availability of MHIP updates.

COMPLETION OF FLOOD MAP MODERNIZATION

The goals of Flood Map Modernization will be achieved with flood mapping efforts initiated based on funding received through FY08. MHIP Version 3.0 is the final MHIP release. Subsequent updates to flood

map production status will be presented in progress reports which will replace the MHIP as the mechanism by which Flood Map Modernization progress is tracked and reported.

MHIP Version 3.0 amends MHIP Version 2.5 and is an update to MHIP Version 2.0. MHIP Version 3.0 updates both the data, charts and tables presented in MHIP Version 2.5 and some of the document text found in MHIP Version 2.0. Because much of the text in MHIP Version 2.0 has not changed, MHIP Version 3.0 is an abbreviated document that focuses on specific areas where changes have occurred and those sections that should be of most interest to stakeholders.

Appendices A and G of MHIP Version 3.0 provide a detailed listing by State and county for all map production activities scheduled and/or completed as part of Flood Map Modernization. Appendix A includes those counties underway and Appendix G includes those counties that are complete.

For more detailed information about this latest MHIP Version 3.0 update, please visit the MHIP website noted in the side bar.

