

Multi-Year Flood Hazard Identification Plan

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



WHAT IS THE MHIP?

Through Flood Map Modernization, FEMA will provide 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, regions, and other stakeholders, and encourage greater participation in Flood Map Modernization.

The plan is based on anticipated funding for Flood Map Modernization through Fiscal Year (FY) 2008. FEMA has allocated anticipated funds to each FEMA Regional Office based primarily on flood risk, using factors identified with stakeholder input. FEMA adjusted the funding allocations for FY07-FY08 by refining the definition and estimate of areas at flood risk.

The FEMA Regional Offices use the business planning process 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 input provided through the business plans and FEMA's next 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 performed a comprehensive review of Flood Map Modernization. This review is referred to as the Mid-Course Adjustment. MHIP Version 2.0 begins to reflect the implementation of the Mid-Course Adjustment and includes the input FEMA received from stakeholders.

WHAT'S DIFFERENT IN THE APRIL 2007 MHIP (VERSION 2.5)?

- Strategy of Flood Map Modernization has remained the same since MHIP Version 2.0
- Revised Key Performance Indicators 1 and 2 bar charts
- Revised maps reflecting mapping activities through FY03-FY10
- Revised flood map production sequencing (Appendix A)

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MHIP Version 2.0 and 2.5 are available on FEMA's Flood Hazard Mapping Web site at:

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

A Summary of the Mid-Course Adjustment can be viewed at:

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

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

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

<https://hazards.fema.gov>

<https://www.floodsmart.gov>

<https://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/>

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 update the MHIP, 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 in the planning process.

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.

MID-COURSE ADJUSTMENT

Based on input from Congress, adoption of new standards, and feedback from stakeholders, FEMA is implementing a Mid-Course Adjustment to the strategy for the Flood Map Modernization Program. The adjusted strategy will provide enhanced standards for flood map development and additional gains in product quality.

In FY07, FEMA prioritized funding based on a goal of mapping 90 percent of the Nation's highest-risk areas. The MHIP Version 2.0 discusses the impacts of the Mid-Course Adjustment and the objectives for the Flood Map Modernization Program.

FEMA's objective for the Flood Map Modernization Program is to produce new digital products focusing on the areas with the greatest flood risk. As a result of the Mid-Course Adjustment, two new objectives were developed: (1) integrate the 2005 Floodplain Boundary Standard into digital maps; and (2) provide new, updated, or validated engineering analysis.

Appendix A of MHIP Version 2.5 depicts the funding and sequencing of map production and is continuing to apply the Mid-Course Adjustment. In some cases, this adjustment means a county will not receive a flood map update. The selection of these counties was based on the national flood risk assessment, mapping priorities identified by the States, and level of participation in the flood map update process. This reduction in scope enables FEMA to provide enhanced quality flood mapping for those areas at the greatest flood risk.