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Chad Berginnis, CFM

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Chad Berginnis has over 23 years of experience in natural hazard management, flood loss reduction, and land use planning programs at the state, local, and private sector level. As a state official, he worked in the Ohio Floodplain Management Program and was Ohio's State Hazard Mitigation Officer. He has been involved in creating/administering the Appalachian Flood Risk Reduction Initiative and revised model state floodplain management regulations. Additionally, Mr. Berginnis oversaw state hazard mitigation operations after three Federally declared flood disasters and authored the 2008 update of Ohio's mitigation plan. As a local official, Mr. Berginnis administered planning, economic development and floodplain management programs in Perry County, Ohio. In the private Sector, Mr. Berginnis was the national Practice Leader in hazard mitigation for Michael Baker Jr. Inc. Mr. Berginnis is a recognized national expert in floodplain management and hazard mitigation, having participated on national research / focus groups, providing agency (FEMA, USACE, OMB, CRS, IG, CBO, others) and Congressional testimony, and was selected to participate on an advisory panel to the Chinese Government on the development of a national floodplain management strategy. He previously served in various volunteer leadership positions for ASFPM, and as an appointed Planning Commissioner for Licking County Ohio. Mr. Berginnis holds a Bachelor of Science in natural resources from Ohio State University.



Bill DeGroot, P.E., F.ASCE

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Bill DeGroot retired from the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District (UDFCD) in Colorado in early 2014 after 40 years as manager of the UDFCD's Floodplain Management Program. He was the UDFCD's main contact with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). He was a technical advisor to the first Technical Mapping Advisory Council from 1997 to 2000. Under his leadership the UDFCD became FEMA's first Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP), and the first CTP to review Letter of Map Change requests for FEMA. He was project manager for 25 CTP grants from FEMA to provide various products, including five Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRM), four DFIRM maintenance projects, and technical reviews of 40 to 50 requests for Letters of Map Change per year since 2001. Mr. DeGroot has Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Civil Engineering



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from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. He is a registered professional engineer in Colorado.



Jon Janowicz, P.E.

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Jon Janowicz is a professional engineer with over 27 years of experience in Water Resources Engineering. Mr. Janowicz works for the US Geological Survey Water Science Center in Lawrenceville, New Jersey as Supervisory Hydrologist in the Hydrologic Studies Section. He supervises a team of seven hydrologists performing interpretive studies and mapping of surface water, groundwater and water quality data for cooperators throughout the state. He began his work with the USGS in January, 2016.

Previously, he worked for the National Flood Insurance Program within the Federal Emergency Management Agency from 1999 to 2016 serving as a Civil Engineer and Branch Chief. He supervised a staff of nine professionals dedicated to community flood risk reduction through the application of hazard analysis, risk assessment, planning and outreach. Mr. Janowicz worked as an engineering consultant in Michigan from 1994 to 1999. He served in the Peace Corps in Mauritania, West Africa as a Volunteer Engineer from 1991 to 1993. Mr. Janowicz has a Master of Science and B.S in Agricultural Engineering from Michigan State University.



Carey Johnson

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Carey Johnson is an Environmental Scientist Consultant in the Kentucky Division of Water's (KDOW) Director's Office. His primary responsibilities include coordinating water resources-related activities across the Division and managing the Cooperating Technical Partners (CTP) program for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. He has overseen flood hazard map updates for all counties in Kentucky and is currently leading Risk MAP efforts. He serves on the KY State Hazard Mitigation Council, the statewide LIDAR/orthoimagery technical advisory committee, the FEMA CTP Community of Practice steering committee, and is also the state lead for the Kentucky Silver Jackets charter. He is a founding member and current chair of the Kentucky Association of Mitigation Managers (KAMM); a chapter of the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM). Mr. Johnson spent 3 years as the KY state NFIP Coordinator prior to managing the CTP program.



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Theresa Johnston

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Theresa “T J” Johnston has been actively involved in the Flood Insurance Industry since 1989 when she joined National Flood Underwriters as an Underwriter and progressed to Sr. Vice President of Operations. Ms. Johnston left NFS in 2005 to become a Co-Founder of Torrent Technologies, a flood insurance vendor, which now provides BPO and SAAS services to 27 Write Your Own Companies and over 200,000 agents and brokers nationwide.

During her career Ms. Johnston has been a licensed agent in all states and maintained accreditation to provide continuing education courses nationwide for agents and brokers, was an approved NFIP claims adjuster and has Associate in National Flood Insurance (ANFI), Associate in Insurance Services (AIS) and Associate in General Insurance (AINS) designations.



Steve Story

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Steve Story, P.E., CFM, is the Chief of the Water Operations Bureau for the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC). He oversees and leads the state Floodplain, Dam Safety, and Board of Water Well Contractor programs. Mr. Story is a registered professional engineer in Wyoming and Montana and received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Colorado State University with an emphasis in hydraulics and river mechanics.

Prior to joining DNRC in 2009, Steve spent a decade in the private sector as a hydraulic engineer and project manager on numerous large scale water resources and flood control projects. He also served a year as the Floodplain Administrator for Teton County, Wyoming. Mr. Story began leading Hydrologic and Hydraulic analyses and map production activities for Map Modernization projects in 2005. During his tenure at DNRC, he has led and completed numerous floodplain studies, managed the Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP) agreement with FEMA, and administered all aspects of Map Mod and Risk MAP projects. Steve lives in Helena, Montana and spends much of his time exploring the mountains, rivers, and wilderness with his Chocolate Labrador, fly rod, and camera.