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Summary: Appendix I

Audience

This Appendix is meant for use by project teams (FEMA, contractors, and Cooperating Technical Partners) in performing Discovery for Risk MAP projects.

Purpose

This Appendix replaces the April 2003 version of Appendix I which outlined the Map Modernization Scoping process. The Scoping process required limited up-front coordination with stakeholders and Scoping was not mandatory for new or revised flood hazard mapping projects.

The revised Appendix I provides guidance for the Risk MAP Discovery Process. Discovery is significantly different from the Map Modernization Scoping process in several ways:

1. Discovery is mandatory for new Risk MAP projects.
2. Discovery includes an emphasis on up-front stakeholder coordination and engagement prior to meeting with stakeholders.
3. Discovery is done on a watershed basis, except for long-term coastal studies.

The revised Appendix I is not prescriptive, rather it takes into account the varied political and physical landscapes across the nation and within the project areas. The objectives and outcomes of Discovery are provided in this document and the flexibility is granted in the implementation.

Risk MAP Guidance

This document is a component of Risk MAP Guidance. The Risk MAP program is managed by FEMA to develop flood risk information and work with communities to help them understand and act on the data to manage the risks. Risk MAP Guidance defines the product and process standards and best practices for the program:

- Standards are contained in the document “Guidelines and Standards for Flood Risk Analysis and Mapping (G&S document)” which primarily contain standards, but currently substantial best practice information are also included.
- Procedure Memos supersede portions of the G&S document or address new issues not currently covered. In most cases they will be integrated into the G&S document over time.
- Operating Guidance describes best practices that support the Risk MAP standards.

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