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Summary: Operating Guidance for Creation of Risk MAP Products

Audience

The primary intended audience for this guidance is Mapping Partners tasked with creation of Risk MAP products (Discovery Report, Flood Risk Report, Flood Risk Map and Flood Insurance Study).

Purpose

Creation of a relatively consistent "look and feel" for the Discovery Report, Flood Risk Report, Flood Risk Map and Flood Insurance Study requires that tools and templates be made available to Mapping Partners. As such, this Operating Guidance document provides MS Word templates that Mapping Partners may use as well as section by section instructions for filling in each template. PDF prototypes are also provided to enable the Mapping Partners to emulate the look and feel of the products should they wish to do so. Additionally, MXD and MXT files are provided to assist with creation of the Flood Risk Map.

Each section of this Operating Guidance document provides an overview of the specific product, which is then followed by more detailed guidance to create each product using the templates provided.

Important to note is that (other than the Flood Insurance Study guidance) this Operating Guidance includes best practices, and is not intended to limit Mapping Partners in their preparation of the aforementioned products. The Flood Insurance Study section is the exception to this rule. An overview concerning the Flood Insurance Study is provided in Section 5 of this document, and more detailed guidance (and associated standards) are provided in Procedure Memorandum No. 66 - Flood Insurance Study Report Alignment to Digital Vision.

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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