CTP 101 Training Recap

FEMA, supported by the MOD team, joined 48 State, local, and FEMA representatives for the newly developed Cooperating Technical Partners (CTP) 101 training course. The course was presented online using MicroSoft Live Meeting to allow students from across the Nation to participate by connecting using a phone and an Internet connection.

Topics covered included Map Mod, the CTP Program, the flood hazard mapping process, digital tools (including the Map Service Center’s Express Document Deliver (EDDel) function, the Mapping Information Platform, the National Flood Hazard Layer, and MapViewer–Web), and future and recent changes to the CTP Program.

In addition to the lecture, the course also included an interactive activity and several online demonstrations. Instructors Beth Norton and Rick Sacbibit of FEMA and Mike Domaratz, Christina Bassis, and Necolle Maccherone of the MOD team instructed from the MOD team’s Alexandria, VA, office while instructors Laura Algeo of FEMA and Sean Roche of the MOD team instructed from the MOD team’s Atlanta, GA, office.

Feedback from students was positive and included comments like, “…the preparation for yesterday’s course was fantastic…I was very impressed with how well all the instructors knew the subject matter they were presenting,” …“when you can do a training coast-to-coast and it is all provided for

NAFSMA Celebrates 30th Anniversary at Annual Meeting

More than 200 people flocked to Napa, CA, August 25–28 to attend the National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies’ (NAFSMA) annual national meeting, held at the Meritage Resort. For four days, floodplain and stormwater management professionals, stakeholders, mitigation experts, and government officials came together to share information and celebrate NAFSMA’s 30th anniversary.

FEMA mitigation officials were also on-hand to provide updates and information to conference attendees. FEMA Risk Analysis Director Doug Bellomo spoke about FEMA’s perspective on levee certification and liability. In this presentation, Mr. Bellomo defined levee certification, levee responsibilities of FEMA and local owners, and provided information on liability concerns, Provisionally Accredited Levees (PALs), and Risk MAP.

FEMA Risk Analysis Deputy Director Roy Wright provided a Map Mod update, which included many of the successes of Map Mod as well as an insight into Risk MAP. Former Federal Insurance Administrator David Maurstad also gave a presentation on how the risk and uncertainty approach works and its repercussions for non-Federal partners.

To support FEMA, MOD team staff attended the meeting, helped Mr. Wright and Mr. Bellomo
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free, that’s just a super win-win for everybody,” and “the training was amazing as I sat there and watched Laura and Sean articulate the slides in a way that you did not have to be familiar with Map Mod to understand and follow what there were saying. Everyone on the discussion was great. You guys made it look and sound easy.”

The attentiveness of the students, their cooperation and eagerness to learn, the technology that enabled nationwide training with no travel costs, and knowledgeable instructors all contributed to another successful CTP training course. FEMA and the MOD team look forward to holding more online training courses in the future.

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** An E241 CTP: Special Topics training, held onsite at FEMA’s Emergency Management Center in Emmitsburg, MD, is scheduled for March 2-5, 2009. The agenda for this offering deals with processing Letters of Map Revision (LOMRs) and will be a requirement for those CTPs wishing to take on the pilot LOMR Delegation task. For more information on this or other CTP training courses, please contact CTP@mapmodteam.com.

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develop their presentations, and provided general conference support.

NAFSMA is an organization of public agencies responsible for flood protection and stormwater and floodplain management programs. Its purpose is to advocate public policy on behalf of its members and encourage technologies in watershed management that focus on issues relating to flood protection and stormwater and floodplain management. These efforts are made to enhance the ability of its members to mitigate the adverse impact of storm and flood waters.

For additional information on NAFSMA and the annual conference, please visit www.nafsma.org.

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