

November 20, 2001

To: Agencies involved in planning for hazardous materials or weapons of mass destruction releases that have or may need GIS planning data

From: Cliff Chapman, Chairman, North Central Florida  
Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team

Re: GIS Workgroup for Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Planning

The North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team was created last year to increase the capacity and capability of local responders to protect our communities from hazardous materials and weapons of mass destruction incidents. The Team has received an Emergency Management Preparedness Trust Fund grant to fund a Geographic Information System (GIS) database project, as well as provide training and equipment.

A workgroup is being started to coordinate the development of an emergency responder GIS database. Please consider attending the first GIS Workgroup meeting being held on Thursday, December 6, 2001, at 1:30 p.m. at the Bradford County Emergency Operations Center, 945-B North Temple Avenue, Starke. The EOC is off of US 301 behind the Courthouse. An agenda and location map are enclosed.

The goal is to compile a hazardous materials emergency response GIS database to assist emergency responders, planners and managers in the 11 counties served by the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for hazardous materials. This project should be very helpful to the current counter-terrorism planning efforts being conducted in FDLE Districts Two and Three. The Council will compile the data and distribute the final results on CD-ROMs.

The Team invites your agency to participate in this innovative project and share your ideas and data. What GIS data does your agency have that might be useful to emergency responders? What information does your agency need? While it is not practical to put all available GIS data on a CD-ROM to give to emergency responders, the existence of other useful GIS data should be reported.

Thank you for your assistance with this innovative public safety project. If you have any questions regarding this matter, do not hesitate to call Team staff Dwayne Mundy at (352) 955-2200, ext. 108 or email: mundy@ncfrpc.org.

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**North Central Florida Regional Hazmat Team GIS Workgroup Meeting,  
December 6, 2001, Bradford County EOC, Starke**

Counties: Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette,  
Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union

**Agencies invited:**

11 county emergency managers, Sheriffs, Property Appraisers

Suwannee River Water Management District  
St. Johns River Water Management District

Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Dists. 2 and 3

Florida Division of Emergency Management

University of Florida GeoPlan  
Alachua Co. Environmental Protection Department  
Gainesville: Police, Regional Utilities and Fire Rescue

LEPCs 2& 4 (Apalachee Regional Planning Council and Northeast Florida RPC)

Florida Department of Environmental Protection, NE & NW Emergency Response

Regional Hazmat Team members: Alachua Co. Fire Rescue, Starke &, Lake City FDs

Others: Florida Power Light, Clay Electric, Tri-County Electric Coop

Federal: FBI - WMD, FEMA Region IV, EPA Region IV

Location: Off of US 301 in Starke,  
behind the Courthouse

Any questions call:  
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For additional information on the grant  
funding this project:  
<http://ncflepc.org/rrt.html>

