



**Michigan Department of Environmental Quality  
Cooperating Technical Partners  
Mapping Activity Statement**



**Mapping Activity Statement No. 2004-M3 – Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map Production and Development of Updated Flood Data**

In accordance with the Cooperating Technical Partners (CTP) Partnership Agreement dated January 12, 2001 between the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Mapping Activity Statement (MAS) No. 2004-M3 is as follows.

**SECTION 1—OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE**

The objective of the Flood Map Project documented in this MAS is to develop a Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for Washtenaw County. The DFIRM and FIS report will be produced in the FEMA Countywide Format. Elevations in the project will be referenced to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88).

Existing GIS data and study needs for the community will be researched, obtained, organized and provided in accordance with Activity 1. Scoping will be necessary to determine the final scope of work for this project.

In addition the Mapping Partners involved in this project will develop new and/or updated flood hazard data, as summarized in the table below. One or more of the listed watersheds will be studied under this Mapping Activity Statement, dependent on scoping and contractor proposals. The exact reaches to be studied will be determined at the end of the scoping phase and submitted to FEMA.

| Flooding Source              | Reach Limits & Length  | Detailed Hydrologic Analyses | Detailed Hydraulic Analyses | Floodplain Mapping |
|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Stony Creek watershed</b> |  |                              |                             |                    |
| Stony Creek                  | McCrone Road to confluence with Paint Creek (7.8 miles)  | x                            | x                           | x                  |
| Paint Creek                  | Bemis Road to confluence with Stony Creek (7.0 miles)  | x                            | x                           | x                  |
| West Branch Paint Creek      | Bemis Road to confluence with Paint Creek (2.8 miles)  | x                            | x                           | x                  |
| Bradshaw Drain               | Bunton Road to county line (2.4 miles)   | x                            | x                           | x                  |
| Trib to Paint Creek          | Merrit Road in SW1/4 sec 25 (Pittsfield Twp.) to confluence with unnamed trib in SW1/4 sec 10 (Ypsilanti Twp.) (2.8 miles) | x                            | x                           | x                  |
| Big Marsh Drain              | Judd Road to confluence with Polzin Drain (3.2 miles)  | x                            | x                           | x                  |

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| <b>Total reach lengths</b>                     | <b>26 miles</b>  |   |   |   |
| <b>Huron River watershed</b>                   |  |   |   |   |
| <b>Arms Creek</b>                              | North Territorial Road to Huron River<br>(6.4 miles)   | x | x | x |
| <b>North Fork Mill Creek</b>                   | Bush Road to Mill Creek<br>(10.3 miles)  | x | x | x |
| <b>Mill Creek</b>                              | Parker Road in sec 18 (Scio Twp.) to Huron River<br>(4.1 miles)  | x | x | x |
| <b>Letts Creek</b>                             | Pierce Road to North Fork Mill Creek<br>(5.3 miles)  | x | x | x |
| <b>Unnamed tributary<br/>(Traver Creek)</b>    | US-23 in sec 5 (Ann Arbor Twp.) to Traver Road<br>(2.9 miles)  | x | x | x |
| <b>Unnamed tributary<br/>(Millers Creek)</b>   | Unnamed road in NW1/4 sec 23 (Ann Arbor<br>Twp.) to Huron River<br>(2.6 miles)                                     | x | x | x |
| <b>Fleming Creek</b>                           | Unnamed trib in NE1/4 sec 18 (Superior Twp.) to<br>Huron River<br>(4.4 miles)                                      | x | x | x |
| <b>Swift Drain</b>                             | Morgan Road in sec 15 (Pittsfield Twp.) to Huron<br>River<br>(4.6 miles)   | x | x | x |
| <b>Allen Creek</b>                             | South Main Street in SE1/4 sec 32 (City of Ann<br>Arbor) to Huron River<br>(3.3 miles)                             | x | x | x |
| <b>West Park-Miller Drain</b>                  | Wesley Street in sec NE1/4 of NE1/4 sec 30 (City<br>of Ann Arbor) to Allen Creek<br>(0.6 miles)                    | x | x | x |
| <b>West Park-Miller Drain<br/>South Branch</b> | North Ravena Blvd. in sec NE1/4 of NE1/4 sec 30<br>(City of Ann Arbor) to Allen Creek<br>(0.6 miles)               | x | x | x |
| <b>Unnamed tributary</b>                       | Beginning of stream in SW1/4 sec 18 (Ann Arbor<br>Twp.) to Huron River<br>(1.1 miles)                              | x | x |   |
| <b>Total reach lengths</b>                     | <b>46.2 miles</b>  |   |   |   |
| <b>River Raisin watershed</b>                  |  |   |   |   |
| <b>River Raisin</b>                            | County line in NW1/4 sec 6 (Manchester Twp.)<br>to county line in SW1/4 sec 32 (Bridgewater<br>Twp.)<br>(19 miles) | x | x |   |
| <b>Saline River</b>                            | Joslin Lake outlet to Wood Outlet Drain<br>(7.5 miles)   | x | x | x |
| <b>Trib to Saline River</b>                    | Zeeb Road in NW1/4 sec 15 (Lodi Twp.) to<br>confluence with Saline River<br>(5.3 miles)                            | x | x | x |
| <b>Unnamed tributary</b>                       | Maple Road in SW1/4 sec 7 (Pittsfield Twp.) to<br>unnamed trib in sec 18 (Pittsfield Twp.)<br>(1.1 miles)          | x | x | x |
| <b>Unnamed tributary</b>                       | Maple Road in sec 18 (Pittsfield Twp.) to<br>unnamed trib in sec 18 (Pittsfield Twp.)<br>(0.8 miles)               | x | x | x |

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|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Trib to Wood Outlet Drain    | Trib in NE1/4 sec 18 (Pittsfield Twp.) to Wood Outlet Drain<br>(3.7 miles)                            | x | x | x |
| Koch Warner Drain            | Platt Road in sec 22 (Pittsfield Twp.) to Saline Milan Road<br>(6.5 miles)                            | x | x | x |
| Pittsfield No. 5 Drain       | Moon Road to Koch Warner Drain<br>(2.3 miles)   | x | x | x |
| <b>Total reach lengths</b>   | <b>46.2 miles</b>   |   |   |   |
| <b>River Rouge watershed</b> |   |   |   |   |
| Johnson Drain                | Curtis Road in sec 16 (Salem Twp.) to county line<br>(3.9 miles)                                      | x | x | x |
| Trib to Johnson Drain        | 7 Mile Road in NW1/4 of NW1/4 sec 12 (Salem Twp.) to Johnson Drain<br>(3.0 miles)                     | x | x | x |
| Unnamed tributary            | 7 Mile Road in NE1/4 sec 11 (Salem Twp.) to trib to Johnson Drain in SE1/4 of same sec<br>(1.1 miles) | x | x | x |
| <b>Total reach lengths</b>   | <b>8.0 miles</b>  |   |   |   |

This Flood Map Project will be completed by the following

- MDEQ:
- The following list of contractors, hereafter referred to collectively as the contractors, who may be hired by the MDEQ:
  - Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick
  - Ayres Associates
  - DLZ Michigan Inc.
  - Fleis & Vander Brink Engineering Inc.
  - Fishbeck Thompson Carr & Huber
  - Ledy Design Group Inc
  - Spicer Group
  - Tetrattech MPS
  - Wade Trim Inc.
  - Wilcox Professional Services Inc. and;
- Baker Engineering (NSP)
- FEMA Region V IDIQ

The MDEQ shall notify FEMA and the NSP by e-mail of all meetings with community officials at least one week prior to the meeting (with as much notice as possible). FEMA and/or the NSP may or may not attend the community meetings

The activities for this Flood Map Project, including required Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) reviews, and the Mapping Partners that will complete them are summarized in the table below. The

sections of this MAS that follow the table below describe the specific activities, responsible Mapping Partner(s), FEMA standards that must be met, and resultant map components.

|   | CTP | FEMA |
|---|-----|------|
| Activity 1 – Scoping  | x   | x    |
| Activity 2 - Outreach   | x   | x    |
| Activity 3 – Field Surveys and Reconnaissance   | x   |      |
| Activity 4 – Topographic Data Development   |     | x    |
| Activity 5 – Independent QA/QC Review of Topographic Data   |     | x    |
| Activity 6 –Hydrologic Analyses   | x   |      |
| Activity 7–Independent QA/QC Review of Hydrologic Analyses  | x   |      |
| Activity 8 – Hydraulic Analyses   | x   |      |
| Activity 9 – Independent QA/QC Review of Hydraulic Analyses   | x   |      |
| Activity 10 – Floodplain Mapping  | x   |      |
| Activity 11 – Independent QA/QC Review of Floodplain Mapping  | x   |      |
| Activity 12 – Base Map Acquisition  |     | x    |
| Activity 13 – DFIRM Production (Non-Revised Areas)  |     | x    |
| Activity 13A – Independent QA/QC Review of DFIRM Production (Non-Revised Areas)                           |     | x    |
| Activity 14 – DFIRM Production (Merge Revised and Non-Revised Information)                                |     | x    |
| Activity 14A – Application of DFIRM Graphic and Database Specifications                                   |     | x    |
| Activity 14A – Independent QA/QC Review of DFIRM Product Meeting FEMA Graphic and Database Specifications |     | x    |
| Activity 15 – Preliminary DFIRM and FIS Report Distribution   |     | x    |
| Activity 16 – Post-Preliminary Processing   |     | x    |

FEMA has developed tools to assist in the development of the flood hazard data studies and the Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs) if the CTP wishes to use them. FEMA will, through the NSP, provide all CTPs access to and training in these tools. The tools available at this time include WISE software and the DFIRM production tools. The use of these tools will improve the Map Modernization and efficiency of all mapping partners.

If the CTP chooses not to use these production tools, then the CTP will be required to submit intermediate project data at major milestones in each Mapping Project in accordance with data capture standards. Submitting data in these standards will aid in more efficient quality control reviews, data storage, archiving, and for future study updates.

The Data Capture Standard submittals will be required at the following study milestones.

- Project Scoping (as specified)
- Terrain Data Processing Completed
- Field Survey Completed
- Hydrology Completed (draft and final)
- Hydraulics Completed (draft and final)
- Coastal Analysis Completed (draft and final)
- DFIRM Mapping (draft and preliminary)

QA/QC review activities may be performed by CTPs or the NSP at the discretion of FEMA. Please note the NSP will also be performing periodic audits and overall study/project management to ensure study quality.

FEMA will be providing download/upload capability for intermediate data submittals through the Management Information Portal (MIP). Data submittals uploaded via the MIP will include the same data required prior to the existence of the MIP.

### **Activity 1 – Scoping**

**Responsible Mapping Partner:** The MDEQ, FEMA

**Scope:** This task involves collecting data from a variety of sources including community surveys, other Federal and State Agencies, NFIP State Coordinators, Community Assistance Visits (CAVs) and FEMA archives. The MDEQ will evaluate the effective FIS report and FIRM maps to see if it needs to be updated. Lists of mapping needs will be obtained from the MNUSS database, community surveys and CAVs, if available.

Data collection will include obtaining the best available base map materials (corporate limits, roads, orthophotos, etc) along with stream centerline files. The acquired data will be imported into the scoping tool and used during the Scoping Task. In the Scoping Tool all streams should have unique names, the limits of the effective FEMA studies should be identified, LOMC areas should be identified, and community requests should be identified. This task also includes populating the streamlines with existing pipeline and scoped studies currently underway.

In cooperation with the FEMA Region, a Project Management Team will be established consisting of the MDEQ, FEMA's regional engineer, Washtenaw County, and other appropriate officials. The Project Management Team will be responsible for coordinating the activities of this project and completing all tasks identified in this Statement of Work.

Preliminary Research Activities can be separated into two categories—researching effective information and researching available data for the Flood Map Project. The following tasks shall be completed to

research effective information: inventory the FEMA archives for effective FIRM panels, FBFM panels, FIS reports, and other flood hazard data or existing study data; summarize the information in the MNUSS database; summarize contiguous community agreement checks; review CAV and CAC files; and develop a “scoping map” and an overview of the results of the research.

FEMA will co-ordinate, set-up, and hold the Scoping Meeting. This includes identifying a time, place, and all participants. The purpose of this meeting is to present the current information to the local officials (state, county and municipal) and coordinate on prioritization and identification of study areas. FEMA shall be responsible for compiling the necessary information for the meeting. These items may include: FIS and FIRM for affected communities; USGS quads for the study area; best available community base map(s); effective FIRM summary; Available Data Inventory; Scoping Map; Scoping Meeting Agenda/Minutes form; Aerial photos/topographic mapping if available; existing drainage studies or other H&H data; Community master plan(s)/Drainage Master Plan(s); Zoning Maps; Street Maps; As-built plans; and Floodplain Ordinance(s).

The project management team shall review the initial mapping needs list, review the research findings, and make selections of proposed methods for obtaining/producing flood data. Any additions or changes to the needs list shall be discussed with all members. All needs shall also be prioritized. In general, highest priority shall be given to the following areas: areas of dense existing or anticipated development, including areas where new road crossings have been constructed over stream(s); areas affected by flood-control structures and/or channelization; areas where natural physical changes in the floodplain have been significant (due to subsidence or extreme erosion, for example); areas that were studied by approximate methods and unmapped areas, especially those with development pressure; areas where the community has experienced flooding outside mapped floodplains, with severe damage to buildings and/or infrastructure; areas where mapped flood hazards do not match those shown on contiguous FIRMs (unless those FIRMs are not considered to be accurate); and areas where flood data (BFEs, floodplains, and regulatory floodways) are likely to be changed the most by a restudy.

Based on the discussion of mapping needs, the MDEQ and FEMA Project Officer will finalize the areas to be included in the project (based on recommendations provided by the Project Team). Areas to be studied by detailed and approximate methods shall be identified. The following issues will be discussed and refined: Review and Refinement of Flood Hazard Identification Methodologies, Review of Proposed Paneling Scheme, Review and Refinement of Base and Topographic Map Source, and Finalization of Map Production and Database Options.

**Standards:** All work under Activity shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 of this MAS.

**Deliverables:** The Final Scoping Report shall be delivered with all of the components as laid out in the attached “Partner Flood Map Modernization Program Scoping Report” template in Appendix A in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 for this Activity.

## **Activity 2 – Outreach**

**Responsible Mapping Partner:** The MDEQ, FEMA

**Scope:** The outreach activities for a Flood Map Project can best be understood as a process that begins during the Project Scoping phase and continues through the Map Production and Post-preliminary phases. A regulatory overview of required activities is followed by a description of tools that can be used in working with stakeholders to keep them informed and to solicit their input.

The overarching goal for conducting outreach is to create a climate of understanding and ownership of the mapping process at the State and local levels. Well-planned outreach activities can reduce political stress, confrontation in the media, and public controversy, which can arise from lack of information, misunderstanding, or misinformation. These outreach activities also can assist FEMA and other members of the Project Team in responding to congressional inquiries.

By proactively reaching out to all key stakeholders as early in the Flood Map Project as possible, the maps can be used to their full potential. The likelihood of appeals may also be reduced or eliminated. Specific Contractor activities shall include, but are not limited to -

- Establishing two-way communication to address the needs of, inform and obtain feedback from, the stakeholders;
- Ensuring compliance with due process requirements;
- Interacting with technical representatives to ensure production of accurate and up-to-date maps;
- Enhancing ownership by communities

Tracking, monitoring, and evaluating outreach activities and adjusting efforts according to ongoing feedback and evolving project needs.

All communication with local governments will be done in accordance with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations Part 66.

**Standards:** All work under Activity 2 shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 of this MAS.

**Deliverables:** Upon Completion of Outreach and Coordination the MDEQ shall deliver the following to the FEMA Regional Project Officer in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 for this Activity:

- A report detailing outreach and coordination activities
- Backup or supplemental information used in writing this report

### **Activity 3 - Field Surveys and Reconnaissance**

**Responsible Mapping Partner:** The contractors

**Scope:** To supplement any field reconnaissance conducted during the Project Scoping phase of this project, the contractors shall conduct a detailed field reconnaissance of the specific study area to determine conditions along the floodplain(s), types and numbers of hydraulic and/or flood-control structures, apparent maintenance or lack thereof of existing hydraulic structures, locations of cross sections to be surveyed, and other parameters needed for the hydrologic and hydraulic analyses.

In addition to the initial field reconnaissance, the contractors shall conduct field surveys, including obtaining channel and floodplain cross sections, identifying or establishing Temporary Bench Marks, and obtaining the physical dimensions of hydraulic and flood-control structures. The contractors also shall coordinate with other Mapping Partners that are collecting topographic data under Activity 4.

**Standards:** All work under Activity 3 shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 of this MAS.

**Deliverables:** In accordance with the Technical Support Data Notebook (TSDN) format described in described in Appendix M of *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*, the contractors shall make the following products available to FEMA in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 for this Activity:

- A report summarizing the findings of the field reconnaissance;
- Maps and drawings that provide the detailed survey results; and
- Survey notebook containing cross sections and structural data.
- NSP Format Survey Database or Intermediate Data Delivery consistent with the NSP Data Capture Standards – Appendix N of the Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Mapping Partners

Appendix M may be downloaded from the FEMA Flood Hazard Mapping Web site at [http://www.fema.gov/pdf/fhm/frm\\_gsam.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/pdf/fhm/frm_gsam.pdf).

### Activity 4 - Topographic Data Development

Responsible Mapping Partner: FEMA

Scope: To supplement the field surveys conducted under Activity 3, FEMA and their contractor shall obtain additional topographic data of the overbank areas of the flooding sources studied to delineate floodplain boundaries. Specifically, they shall obtain new topographic data for Koch Warner Drain, which may include additional survey data collected by Livingston County and Handy Township or 30-meter digital elevation data from the USGS. They also shall coordinate with other team members conducting field surveys under Activity 3. Contour interval and/or accuracy for the topographic data shall be selected based on the current FEMA requirements as documented in *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*.

For this activity, FEMA and their contractor also shall develop topographic maps and/or Digital Elevation Models for the subject flooding sources using the data collected under Activities 3 and 4. In addition, they shall address all concerns or questions regarding Activity 4 that are raised during the independent QA/QC review under Activity 5.

Standards: All work under Activity 4 shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 of this MAS.

Deliverables: Upon completion of topographic data collection for Koch Warner Drain, FEMA and their contractor shall submit these data for an independent QA/QC review under Activity 5 in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 for this Activity. They shall submit data for the remaining flooding sources for a final QA/QC review at the completion of this activity.

In accordance with the TSDN format described in described in Appendix M of *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*, the contractors shall make the following products available to FEMA:

- Hardcopy topographic maps;
- Report summarizing methodology and results;
- Mass points and breaklines data on CD-ROM;
- Digital work maps with contours;
- Checkpoint analyses to assess the accuracy of data, including Root Mean Square Error calculations to support vertical accuracy;
- Identification of remote-sensing data voids and methods used to supplement data voids;
- National Geodetic Survey data sheets for Network Control Points used to control remote- sensing and ground surveys; and
- Metadata compliant with Federal Geographic Data Committee standards.

- NSP Format Terrain Database or Intermediate Data Delivery consistent with the NSP Data Capture Standards – Appendix N of the Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Mapping Partners

Appendix M may be downloaded from the FEMA Flood Hazard Mapping Web site at [http://www.fema.gov/pdf/fhm/frm\\_gsam.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/pdf/fhm/frm_gsam.pdf).

### **Activity 5 - Independent QA/QC Review of Topographic Data**

**Responsible Mapping Partner:** FEMA

**Scope:** FEMA and their contractor shall review the mapping data generated under Activity 4 to ensure that these data are consistent with FEMA standards and standard engineering practice and are sufficient to prepare the DFIRM.

**Standards:** All work under Activity 5 shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 of this MAS.

**Deliverables:** In accordance with the TSDN format described in described in Appendix M of *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*, FEMA and their contractor shall make the following products available in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 for this Activity:

- A Summary Report that describes the findings of the independent QA/QC review; and
- Recommendations to resolve any problems that are identified during the independent QA/QC review.

Appendix M may be downloaded from the FEMA Flood Hazard Mapping Web site at [http://www.fema.gov/pdf/fhm/frm\\_gsam.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/pdf/fhm/frm_gsam.pdf).

### **Activity 6 – Hydrologic Analyses**

**Responsible Mapping Partner:** The contractors

**Scope:** The contractors shall perform hydrologic analyses for approximately 580 square miles of drainage area for the flooding source(s) listed earlier in this MAS. The contractors shall calculate peak flood discharges for the 10-, 2-, 1-, and 0.2-percent-annual-chance storm events using the HEC-HMS computer program or other methods specified by the MDEQ. These flood discharges will be the basis for subsequent hydraulic analyses under Activity 8. In addition, the contractors shall address all concerns or questions regarding Activity 4 that are raised during the independent QA/QC review performed by the MDEQ during the QA/QC review under Activity 7.

If Geographic Information System (GIS)-based modeling is used, the contractors shall document automated data processing and modeling algorithms and provide them to FEMA to ensure they are consistent with the standards outlined above. Digital datasets (such as elevation, basin, or land use data) are to be documented and provided to FEMA for approval before performing the hydrologic analyses to ensure the datasets meet minimum requirements. If non-commercial (i.e., custom-developed) software is used for the analysis, then the contractors shall provide full user documentation, technical algorithm documentation, and the software to FEMA for review before performing the hydrologic analyses.

**Standards:** All work under Activity 6 shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 of this MAS.

**Deliverables:** Upon completion of hydrologic modeling for Koch Warner Drain, the contractors shall submit the results to the MDEQ for an independent QA/QC review under Activity 7. The contractors

shall submit the results of the hydrologic analyses for the remaining flooding sources for a final QA/QC review at the completion of this activity.

In accordance with the TSDN format described in described in Appendix M of *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*, the contractors shall make the following products available to FEMA in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 for this Activity:

- Digital copies of all hydrologic modeling (input and output) files for the 10-, 2-, 1-, and 0.2-percent-annual-chance storm events;
- Digital and hardcopy versions of the Summary of Discharges Table presenting discharge data for the flooding sources for which hydrologic analyses were performed;
- Digital and hardcopy versions of draft text for Section 3.1, Hydrologic Analyses, of the FIS report; and
- Digital and hardcopy versions of all backup data used in the analysis, including work maps.
- NSP Format Hydrology Database or Intermediate Data Delivery consistent with the NSP Data Capture Standards – Appendix N of the Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Mapping Partners

For GIS-based modeling, deliverables shall include all input and output data, intermediate data processing products, and GIS data layers.

Appendix M may be downloaded from the FEMA Flood Hazard Mapping Web site at [http://www.fema.gov/pdf/fhm/frm\\_gsam.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/pdf/fhm/frm_gsam.pdf).

### **Activity 7 - Independent QA/QC Review of Hydrologic Analyses**

**Responsible Mapping Partner:** The MDEQ

**Scope:** The MDEQ shall review the technical, scientific, and other information submitted by the contractors under Activity 6 to ensure that the data and modeling are consistent with FEMA standards and standard engineering practice and are sufficient to prepare the DFIRM. This work shall include, at a minimum, the activities listed below.

- Review the submittal for technical and regulatory adequacy, completeness of required information, and supporting data and documentation. The technical review is to focus on the following:
  - Use of acceptable models;
  - Use of appropriate methodology(ies);
  - Correctly applied methodology(ies)/model(s), including QC of input parameters;
  - Comparison with gage data and/or regression equations, if appropriate; and
  - Comparison with discharges for contiguous reaches or flooding sources.
- Maintain records of all contacts, reviews, recommendations, and actions and make them readily available to FEMA.
- Maintain an archive of all data submitted for hydrologic modeling review. (All supporting data must be retained for 3 years from the date funding recipient submits its final expenditure report to FEMA.)

**Standards:** All work under Activity 7 shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 of this MAS.

**Deliverables:** In accordance with the TSDN format described in described in Appendix M of *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*, the MDEQ shall make the following products available to FEMA in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 for this Activity:

- A Summary Report that describes the findings of the independent QA/QC review and
- Recommendations to resolve any problems that are identified during the independent QA/QC review.

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## **Activity 8 – Hydraulic Analyses**

**Responsible Mapping Partner:** The contractors

**Scope:** The contractors shall perform hydraulic analyses for approximately 126 miles of the flooding sources listed earlier in this MAS. The modeling will include the 10-, 2-, 1-, and 0.2-percent-annual-chance events based on peak discharges computed under Activity 6. The hydraulic methods used for this analysis will include the HEC-RAS computer program.

The contractors shall use the cross-section and field data collected under Activity 3 to perform the hydraulic analyses. The hydraulic analyses will be used to establish flood elevations and regulatory floodways for the subject flooding sources.

The contractors shall use the FEMA CHECK-RAS checking program to check the reasonableness of the hydraulic analyses. To facilitate the independent QA/QC review under Activity 9, the contractors shall provide explanations for unresolved messages from the CHECK-RAS program, as appropriate. In addition, the contractors shall address all concerns or questions regarding Activity 6 that are raised by the MDEQ during the independent QA/QC review under Activity 9.

The contractors shall document automated data processing and modeling algorithms for GIS-based modeling and provide them to FEMA for review to ensure they are consistent with the standards outlined above. Digital datasets are to be documented and provided to FEMA for approval before performing the hydraulic analyses to ensure the datasets meet minimum requirements. If non-commercial (i.e., custom-developed) software is used for the analyses, then the contractors shall provide full user documentation, technical algorithm documentation, and software to FEMA for review before performing the hydraulic analyses

**Standards:** All work under Activity 8 shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 of this MAS.

**Deliverables:** Upon completion of hydraulic modeling for Koch Warner Drain, the contractors shall submit the results to the MDEQ for an independent QA/QC review under Activity 9. The contractors shall submit the results of the hydraulic analyses for the remaining flooding sources for a final QA/QC review at the completion of this activity.

In accordance with the TSDN format described in described in Appendix M of *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*, the contractors shall make the following products available to FEMA in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 for this Activity:

- Digital profiles of the 10-, 2-, 1- and 0.2-percent-annual-chance water-surface elevations representing existing conditions using the FEMA RASLOT program or similar software;
- Digital and hardcopy versions of the Floodway Data Table for each flooding source that is compatible with the DFIRM database;
- Digital and hardcopy versions of all hydraulic modeling (input and output) files;
- Digital and hardcopy versions of table with range of Manning’s “n” values;
- Explanations for unresolved messages from the CHECK-RAS program, as appropriate;

- Digital and hardcopy versions of all backup data used in the analyses;
- Digital and hardcopy versions of draft text for inclusion in the FIS report.
- NSP Format Hydraulic Database or Intermediate Data Delivery consistent with the NSP Data Capture Standards – Appendix N of the Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Mapping Partners

For GIS-based modeling, deliverables include all input and output data, intermediate data processing products, GIS data layers, and final products in the format of the DFIRM database structure.

Appendix M may be downloaded from the FEMA Flood Hazard Mapping Web site at [http://www.fema.gov/pdf/fhm/frm\\_gsam.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/pdf/fhm/frm_gsam.pdf).

### **Activity 9 - Independent QA/QC Review of Hydraulic Analyses**

**Responsible Mapping Partner:** The MDEQ

**Scope:** The MDEQ shall review the technical, scientific, and other information submitted by the contractors under Activity 8 to ensure that the data and modeling are consistent with FEMA standards and standard engineering practice and are sufficient to revise the FIRM. This work shall include, at a minimum, the activities listed below.

- Review the submittal for technical and regulatory adequacy, completeness of required information, and supporting data and documentation. The technical review is to focus on the following:
  - Use of acceptable model(s);
  - Starting water-surface elevations;
  - Cross-section geometry;
  - Manning's "n" values and expansion/contraction coefficients;
  - Bridge and culvert modeling;
  - Flood discharges;
  - Regulatory floodway computation methods; and
  - Tie-in to upstream and downstream non-revised Flood Profiles.
- Use the CHECK-RAS program as appropriate to flag potential problems and focus review efforts.
- Maintain records of all contacts, reviews, recommendations, and actions and make them readily available to FEMA.
- Maintain an archive of all data submitted for hydraulic modeling review. (All supporting data must be retained for 3 years from the date funding recipient submits its final expenditure report to FEMA.)

**Standards:** All work under Activity 9 shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 of this MAS.

**Deliverables:** In accordance with the TSDN format described in described in Appendix M of *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*, the MDEQ shall make the following products available to FEMA in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 for this Activity:

- A Summary Report that describes the findings of the independent QA/QC review; and
- Recommendations to resolve any problems that are identified during the independent QA/QC review.

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## Activity 10 - Floodplain Mapping

**Responsible Mapping Partner:** The contractors

**Scope:** The contractors shall delineate the 1- and 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain boundaries and the regulatory floodway boundaries for the flooding sources for which detailed hydrologic, and/or hydraulic, and/or coastal analyses were performed. They shall incorporate all new or revised hydrologic, hydraulic, and/or coastal modeling and shall use the topographic data acquired under Activity 4 to delineate the floodplain and regulatory floodway boundaries on a digital work map. In addition, they shall incorporate the results of all effective Letters of Map Change (LOMCs) within the revised areas as appropriate. Also, they shall address all concerns or questions regarding Activity 10 that are raised during the independent QA/QC review under Activity 11.

**Standards:** All work under Activity 10 shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 of this MAS.

**Deliverables:** Upon completion of floodplain mapping for Koch Warner Drain, FEMA and their contractor shall submit the results for an independent QA/QC review under Activity 11. The mapping for the remaining flooding sources is to be submitted for a final QA/QC review at the completion of this activity.

In accordance with the TSDN format described in described in Appendix M of *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*, the contractors shall make the following products available in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 for this Activity:

- Digital work maps showing the 1- and 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain boundary delineations, regulatory floodway boundary delineations, cross sections, BFEs, flood insurance risk zone labels, and all applicable base map features;
- DFIRM mapping files, prepared in accordance with the requirements in *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*;
- Metadata files describing the DFIRM data, including all required information shown in *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*;
- Complete set of plots of DFIRM panels showing all detailed flood hazard information at a suitable scale;
- A Summary Report that describes and provides the results of all automated or manual QA/QC review steps taken during the preparation of the DFIRM;
- Any backup or supplemental information used in the mapping required for the independent QA/QC review outlined under Activity 9; and
- An explanation for the use of existing topography for the studied reaches, if appropriate.
- NSP Format Mapping Database or Intermediate Data Delivery consistent with the NSP Data Capture Standards – Appendix N of the *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Mapping Partners*

Appendix M may be downloaded from the FEMA Flood Hazard Mapping Web site at [http://www.fema.gov/pdf/fhm/frm\\_gsam.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/pdf/fhm/frm_gsam.pdf).

## Activity 11 - Independent QA/QC Review of Floodplain Mapping

**Responsible Mapping Partner:** MDEQ

**Scope:** MDEQ shall review the floodplain mapping submitted under Activities 10 to ensure that the results of the analyses performed are accurately represented. This work shall include, at a minimum, the activities listed below.

- Review the cross sections for proper location and orientation on the work map and agreement with the Floodway Data Table.
- Review the BFEs shown on the work map for proper location and agreement with the results of the hydraulic modeling.
- Review the regulatory floodway widths for agreement with the widths shown in the Floodway Data Table and the results of the hydraulic modeling.
- Review the floodplain boundaries for agreement with the flood elevations shown in the Floodway Data Table and the contour lines and other topographic information shown on the work maps.
- Review the floodplain widths at cross sections as shown on the work maps to ensure they match the Floodway Data Table.
- Review the floodplain boundaries as shown on the work maps to ensure they match the Flood Profiles.
- Review the flood insurance risk zones as shown on the work maps to ensure they are labeled properly.
- Review the DFIRM mapping files to ensure they were prepared in accordance with the requirements in *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*.
- Review the metadata files to ensure they include all required information shown in *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*.

**Standards:** All work under Activity 11 shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 of this MAS.

**Deliverables:** In accordance with the TSDN format described in described in Appendix M of *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*, MDEQ shall make the following products available in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 for this Activity:

- A Summary Report that describes the findings of the QA/QC review, noting any deficiencies in or agreeing with the mapping results;
- Recommendations to resolve any problems that are identified during the independent QA/QC review; and
- An annotated work map with all questions and/or concerns indicated, if necessary.

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## Activity 12 - Base Map Acquisition

**Responsible Mapping Partner:** The MDEQ

**Scope:** Activity 12 consists of obtaining the digital base map, including community boundaries, roads, and hydrography for the project. The MDEQ shall provide the digital base map. The required activities are as follows:

- Obtain digital files (raster or vector) of the base map.

- Secure necessary permissions from the map source to allow FEMA's use and distribution of hardcopy and digital map products using the digital base map, free of charge.
- Certify that the digital data meets the minimum standards and specifications that FEMA requires for DFIRM production.
- Populate the DFIRM database with the information required by FEMA.

**Standards:** All work under Activity 12 shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 of this MAS.

**Deliverables:** In accordance with the TSDN format described in described in Appendix M of *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*, the MDEQ shall make the following products available to FEMA in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 for this Activity:

- Written certification that the digital data meet the minimum standards and specifications and
- Documentation that FEMA can use the digital base map.

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### **Activity 13 – DFIRM Production (Non-Revised Areas)**

**Responsible Mapping Partner:** FEMA

**Scope:** For all flooding sources except those segments for which updated flood data will be developed under Activities 1 through 11, FEMA and their contractor shall convert the information shown on the effective FIRM and Flood Boundary Floodway Map (FBFM) panels for all areas of Washtenaw County to digital format in conformance with FEMA DFIRM specifications. FEMA and their contractor shall use the base map acquired under Activity 12 for the conversion. FEMA and their contractor shall redelineate or digitize the data found on all existing FIRM and FBFM panels.

FEMA and their contractor shall not digitize the flood theme for those segments of flooding sources for which updated flood data will be developed. Rather, FEMA and their contractor shall leave these as "holes" in the digital flood theme that will be filled in as part of Activity 14 using the digital flood data developed under Activities 10, 10A, and 10B.

**Standards:** All work under Activity 13 shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 of this MAS.

**Deliverables:** Upon completion of the DFIRM panels, FEMA and their contractor shall review the panels in accordance with the independent QA/QC review under Activity 11. In accordance with the TSDN format described in described in Appendix M of *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*, FEMA and their contractor shall make the following products available to FEMA in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 for this Activity:

- Digital work maps showing the 1- and 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain boundary delineations, regulatory floodway boundary delineations, cross sections, BFEs, flood insurance risk zone labels, and all applicable base map features;
- DFIRM mapping files, prepared in accordance with the requirements in *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*;
- Metadata files describing the DFIRM data, including all required information shown in *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*;

- Complete set of plots of DFIRM panels showing all detailed flood hazard information at a suitable scale; and
- A Summary Report that describes and provides the results of all automated or manual QA/QC review steps taken during the preparation of the DFIRM, including a check that the road and floodplain relationship is maintained for all non-revised areas.

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### **Activity 13A – Independent QA/QC Review of DFIRM Production (Non-Revised Areas)**

**Responsible Mapping Partner:** FEMA

**Scope:** FEMA and their contractor shall review the DFIRM panels completed under Activity 13 to ensure that the new DFIRM panels accurately represent the information shown on the effective FIRMs and FBFMs for the area mapped. This work shall include, at a minimum, checking the following:

- Cross sections were properly located and oriented as shown on the FIRM or FBFM
- BFEs are properly located and agree with the BFEs shown on the FIRM

Regulatory floodway widths agree with the widths shown on the FIRM or FBFM

The 1 and 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain boundaries agree with the floodplain boundaries shown on the FIRM and the contour lines, other topographic information, and planimetric information shown on the DFIRM base.

- For coastal studies, setup and runup height elevations shown on the work map agree with those shown on the data table(s), and stillwater elevations are shown where coastal and riverine flooding studied in detail join.

Flood insurance risk zone designations are indicated properly

- Road and floodplain relationships are maintained for all unrevised areas.
- DFIRM mapping files meet the GIS file and database format requirements specified in FEMA's *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners* and conform to those requirements for content and attribution.
- Metadata files describing the DFIRM data include the required information.

**Standards:** All work under Activity 13A shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 of this MAS.

**Deliverables:** In accordance with the TSDN format described in described in Appendix M of *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*, FEMA and their contractor shall make the following products available to FEMA in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 for this Activity:

- A Summary Report that describes the findings of the QA/QC review noting any deficiencies in or agreeing with the mapping results;
- Recommendations to resolve any problems that are identified during the independent QA/QC review; and
- An annotated copy of the DFIRM with all questions and/or concerns indicated, if necessary.

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#### **Activity 14 –DFIRM Production (Merging Revised and Non-Revised Information)**

**Responsible Mapping Partner:** FEMA and their contractor

**Scope:** Upon completion of the floodplain mapping activities for the revised areas (Activities 10, 10A, and/or 10B) and the DFIRM production for non-revised areas (Activity 13), FEMA and their contractor shall merge the digital floodplain data into a single, updated DFIRM. This work is to include tie-in of flood hazard information for areas that were not studied as part of the Flood Map Project documented in this MAS. FEMA and their contractor also shall tie in the revised and non-revised Flood Profiles, floodplain boundaries, and regulatory floodway boundaries with contiguous communities that were not studied as part of the Flood Map Project documented in this MAS. FEMA and their contractor shall coordinate with FEMA and those Mapping Partners responsible for Activities 10, 10A, 10B, and 13, as necessary, to resolve any potential tie-in issues.

**Standards:** All work under Activity 14 shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 of this MAS.

**Deliverables:** In accordance with the TSDN format described in described in Appendix M of *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*, FEMA and their contractor shall make the following products available to FEMA in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 for this Activity:

- Digital work maps showing the 1- and 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain boundary delineations, regulatory floodway boundary delineations, cross sections, BFEs, flood insurance risk zone labels, and all applicable base map features;
- DFIRM mapping files, prepared in accordance with the requirements in *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*;
- Metadata files describing the DFIRM data, including all required information shown in *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*;
- Complete set of plots of DFIRM panels showing all detailed flood hazard information at a suitable scale; and
- A Summary Report that describes and provides the results of all automated or manual QA/QC review steps taken during the preparation of the DFIRM.

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#### **Activity 14A – DFIRM Production (Application of DFIRM Graphics and Database Specifications)**

**Responsible Mapping Partner:** FEMA and their contractor

**Scope:** FEMA and their contractor shall apply the final FEMA DFIRM graphic and database specifications to the DFIRM files produced under Activity 14. This work shall include adding all

required annotation, line pattern, area shading, and map collar information (e.g., map borders, title blocks, legends, notes to user). FEMA and their contractor shall coordinate with those Mapping Partners responsible for Activities 10, 10A, 10B, 13, and 14, as necessary, to resolve any problems that are identified during Activity 14A.

**Standards:** All work under Activity 14A shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 of this MAS.

**Deliverables:** In accordance with the TSDN format described in described in Appendix M of *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*, FEMA and their contractor shall make the following products available to FEMA in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 for this Activity:

- Digital work maps showing the 1- and 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain boundary delineations, regulatory floodway boundary delineations, cross sections, BFEs, flood insurance risk zone labels, and all applicable base map features;
- DFIRM mapping files, prepared in accordance with the requirements in *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*;
- Metadata files describing the DFIRM data, including all required information shown in *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*;
- Complete set of plots of DFIRM panels showing all detailed flood hazard information at a suitable scale; and
- A Summary Report that describes and provides the results of all automated or manual QA/QC review steps taken during the preparation of the DFIRM.
- NSP Format DFIRM Database or Intermediate Data Delivery consistent with the NSP Data Capture Standards – Appendix N of the Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Mapping Partners

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### **Activity 14B – Independent QA/QC Review of DFIRM Product Meeting FEMA Graphics and Database Specifications**

**Responsible Mapping Partner:** FEMA and their contractor

**Scope:** Upon completion of the floodplain mapping activities (Activities 10, 10A, and/or 10B) and DFIRM production activities (Activities 13, 14, and 14A), FEMA and their contractor shall review the DFIRM to ensure it meets current FEMA graphic specifications. In addition, FEMA and their contractor shall review the DFIRM spatial database to determine if it meets current FEMA database specifications. FEMA and their contractor shall coordinate with other Mapping Partners, as necessary, to resolve any problems identified during this QA/QC review. This work shall ensure that the requirements below are met.

All required DFIRM features are accurately and legibly labeled and follow the examples shown in the FEMA DFIRM specifications. This includes all flood insurance risk zones, BFEs, cross sections, studied streams, mapped political entities, and all roads within and adjacent to the 1-percent-annual-chance floodplains.

- All DFIRM features are correctly symbolized with the appropriate symbol, line pattern, or area shading and follow the requirements in *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*.

- All map collar information is complete, correct, and follows the requirements specified in *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*.
- DFIRM mapping files are in one of the GIS file and database formats specified in FEMA's *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners* and conform to those specifications for content and attribution.
- DFIRM database files are in one of the database formats specified in FEMA's *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners* and conform to those specifications for content and attribution.
- Metadata files describing the DFIRM data include all required information shown in *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*.
- The FIS report is prepared in the FEMA Countywide Format as documented in Appendix J of *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*.

**Standards:** All work under Activity 14B shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 of this MAS.

**Deliverables:** In accordance with the TSDN format described in described in Appendix M of *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*, FEMA and their contractor shall make the following products available to FEMA in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 for this Activity:

- A Summary Report that describes the findings of the QA/QC review noting any deficiencies in or agreeing with the mapping results and the results of all automated or manual QA/QC steps taken during the independent QA/QC review;
- Recommendations to resolve any problems that are identified during the independent QA/QC review; and
- An annotated copy of the DFIRM with all questions and/or concerns indicated, if necessary.

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### **Activity 15 - Preliminary DFIRM and FIS Report Distribution**

**Responsible Mapping Partners:** FEMA and their contractor

**Scope:** Activity 15 consists of the final preparation, review, and distribution of the Preliminary copies of the DFIRM and FIS report for community official and general public review and comment. The activities to be performed are summarized below. All of the activities described below shall also be coordinated with MDEQ.

**Preliminary Transmittal Letter Preparation.** The FEMA and their contractor shall prepare letters to transmit the Preliminary copies of the DFIRM and FIS report and related enclosures to all affected communities, all other Project Team members, the State NFIP Coordinator, the FEMA Regional Office, and others as directed by FEMA.

***Preliminary FIS Report Preparation:*** The FEMA and their contractor shall prepare the FIS report in the FEMA Countywide Format following the FEMA requirements specified in Appendix J of *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*.

***Final QA/QC Review of Preliminary DFIRM and FIS Report:*** The FEMA and their contractor shall perform a final QA/QC review of the Preliminary DFIRM and FIS report, including all data tables, Flood Profiles, and other components of the FIS report. The QA/QC review procedures shall be consistent with the *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*.

***Discrepancy Resolution:*** The FEMA and their contractor shall resolve discrepancies identified during the final QA/QC review.

***Distribution of Preliminary DFIRM and FIS Report:*** The FEMA and their contractor shall distribute the Preliminary copies of the DFIRM and FIS report to all affected communities, all other Project Team members, the State NFIP Coordinator, the FEMA Regional Office, and others as directed by FEMA.

***News Release Preparation:*** The FEMA and their contractor shall prepare news release notifications of BFE changes for all affected communities if appropriate and perform QA/QC reviews of the notices for accuracy and compliance with FEMA format requirements. The FEMA and their contractor shall file the notifications for later submittal to FEMA for review.

***Preliminary Summary of Map Actions (SOMA) Preparation:*** The FEMA and their contractor shall prepare Preliminary SOMAs for all affected communities if appropriate. The SOMA shall list pertinent information regarding LOMCs that will be affected by the issuance of the DFIRM (i.e., superseded, incorporated, revalidated).

**Standards:** All work under Activity 15 shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 of this MAS.

**Deliverables:** In accordance with the TSDN format described in described in Appendix M of *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners* and the requirements documented in Section 1 and Appendix A of the *FEMA Document Control Procedures Manual*. The FEMA and their contractor shall make the products listed below available to FEMA in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 for this Activity.

- Preliminary transmittal letters shall be prepared. These letters and any additional letters requested by FEMA shall be prepared in accordance with the current version of the *FEMA Document Control Procedures Manual*.
- Preliminary copies of the DFIRM and FIS report, including all new or updated data tables and Flood Profiles, shall be prepared.
- Preliminary copies of the DFIRM and FIS report, including all updated data tables and Flood Profiles shall be mailed to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and floodplain administrator of each affected community, all other Project Team members, the State NFIP Coordinator, the FEMA Regional Office, and others as directed by FEMA.
- Preliminary SOMAs, prepared in accordance with FEMA requirements, shall be provided as appropriate.
- Revised DFIRM mapping files, prepared in accordance with the requirements in *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*, shall be provided on CD-ROM.
- Revised DFIRM database files, prepared in accordance with the requirements in *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*, shall be provided on CD-ROM.

- Revised metadata files describing the DFIRM data, including all required information shown in *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*, shall be provided on CD-ROM.
- A Summary Report that describes and provides the results of all automated or manual QA/QC review steps taken during the preparation of the DFIRM shall be provided.

### **Activity 16 - Post-Preliminary Processing**

**Responsible Mapping Partners:** FEMA and their contractor

**Scope:** Activity 16 consists of finalizing the DFIRM and FIS report after the Preliminary copies of the DFIRM and FIS report have been issued to community officials and the public for review and comment. The activities to be performed are summarized below. All of the following tasks shall also be performed in coordination with MDEQ.

***Initiation of Statutory 90-Day Appeal Period:*** When required, upon completion of a 30-day community comment period and/or final coordination meeting with the affected communities, FEMA and their contractor shall arrange for and verify that the following activities are completed in accordance with the current version of the *FEMA Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners* and *Document Control Procedures Manual*:

- Proposed BFE determination letters are sent to the community CEOs and floodplain administrators.
- News release notifications of BFE changes are published in prominent newspapers with local circulation.
- The appropriate notices (Proposed Rules) are published in the *Federal Register*.
- When FEMA and their contractor holds public meetings to present and discuss the results of this Flood Map Project, FEMA will attend the meetings and assist where possible if requested.

***Resolution of Appeals and Protests:*** FEMA and their contractor shall review and resolve appeals and protests received during the 90-day appeal period. For each appeal and protest, the following activities shall be conducted as appropriate:

- Initial processing and acknowledgment of submittal;
- Technical review of submittal;
- Preparation of letter(s) requesting additional supporting data;
- Performance of revised analyses; and
- Preparation of a draft resolution letter and revised DFIRM and FIS report materials for FEMA review.

FEMA and their contractor shall mail all associated correspondence upon authorization by FEMA.

***Preparation of Special Correspondence:*** FEMA and their contractor shall support FEMA in responding to comments not received within the 90-day appeal period (referred to as “special correspondence”), including drafting responses for FEMA review when appropriate and finalizing responses when requested by FEMA. FEMA and their contractor also shall mail the final correspondence (and enclosures if appropriate) and distribute appropriate copies of the correspondence and enclosures upon receipt of authorization from FEMA.

***Revision of FIRM and FIS Report:*** If necessary, FEMA and their contractor shall work together to revise the DFIRM and FIS report at the direction of the FEMA Regional Project Officer and distribute Revised Preliminary copies of the DFIRM and FIS report to the CEO and floodplain administrator of each affected

community, all other Project Team members, the State NFIP Coordinator, the FEMA Regional Office, and others as directed by FEMA.

**Final SOMA Preparation:** FEMA and their contractor shall prepare Final SOMAs for the affected communities as appropriate.

**Processing of Letter of Final Determination:** FEMA and their contractor shall work together to establish the effective date for the DFIRM and FIS report, and shall prepare a Letter of Final Determination (LFDs) for each affected community for FEMA review in accordance with the *FEMA Document Control Procedures Manual*. They also shall mail the final signed LFDs and enclosures and distribute appropriate copies of the signed LFDs and enclosures upon receipt of authorization from FEMA.

**Processing of Final DFIRM and FIS Report for Printing:** FEMA and their contractor shall prepare final reproduction materials for the DFIRM and FIS report and provide these materials to the FEMA Map Service Center for printing by the U.S. Government Printing Office. The MCC also shall prepare the appropriate paperwork to accompany the DFIRM and FIS report (including Print Processing Worksheet, Printing Requisition Forms, and Community Map Actions Form) and transmittal letters to the community CEOs.

**Revalidation Letter Processing.** FEMA and their contractor shall prepare and distribute letters to the community CEOs and floodplain administrators to notify the affected communities about LOMCs for which determinations will remain in effect after the DFIRM and FIS report become effective.

**Archiving Data:** FEMA and their contractor shall ensure that technical and administrative support data are packaged in the FEMA required format and stored properly in the library archives until they are transmitted to the FEMA Engineering Study Data Package Facility. In addition, FEMA and their contractor will maintain copies of all data for a period of no less than 3 years.

**Standards:** All work under Activity 16 shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 of this MAS.

**Deliverables:** In accordance with the TSDN format described in described in Appendix M of *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners* and the requirements documented in Section 1 and Appendix A of the *FEMA Document Control Procedures Manual*, FEMA and their contractor shall make the following products available to FEMA in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 for this Activity:

- Documentation that the news releases were published in accordance with FEMA requirements;
- Documentation that the appropriate *Federal Register* notices (Proposed and Final Rules) were published in accordance with FEMA requirements;  
Draft and final Special Correspondence (and all associated enclosures, backup data, and other related information) for FEMA review and signature as appropriate;
- Draft and final Appeal and Protest acknowledgment, additional data, and resolution letters (and all associated enclosures, backup data, and other related information) for FEMA review and signature as appropriate;
- Draft and final LFDs (and all associated enclosures, backup data, and other related information) for FEMA review and signature;
- DFIRM negatives and final FIS report materials, including all updated data tables and Flood Profiles;
- Paperwork for the final DFIRM and FIS report materials;
- Transmittal letters for the printed DFIRM and FIS report;
- LOMC Revalidation Letters if appropriate; and

- Complete, organized archived technical and administrative support data

## SECTION 2—TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT DATA SUBMITTAL

The Project Team members for this Flood Map Project that have responsibilities for activities included in this MAS shall comply with the data submittal requirements summarized below.

All supporting documentation for the activities in this Mapping Activity Statement shall be submitted in the TSDN format in accordance with Appendix M of the FEMA *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*, dated April 2003. Appendix M is available for viewing or download on the FEMA Web site at [http://www.fema.gov/pdf/fhm/frm\\_gsam.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/pdf/fhm/frm_gsam.pdf). Table 2-1 indicates the sections of the TSDN that apply to each mapping activity.

If any issues arise that could affect the completion of an activity within the proposed scope or budget, the responsible Mapping Partner shall complete a Special Problem Report (SPR) as soon as possible after the issue is identified and submitted to FEMA. The SPR is to describe the issue and propose possible resolutions. (For additional information on SPRs, refer to Appendix M, Subsection M.2.1.1 of *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*.)

**Table 2-1. Mapping Activities and Applicable TSDN Sections**

| TSDN Section                   | Mapping Activities |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |            |            |    |    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|------------|------------|----|----|
|                                | 1                  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13,<br>13A | 14,<br>14A | 15 | 16 |
| General Documentation          |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |            |            |    |    |
| Special Problem Reports        | X                  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X  | X  | X  | X          | X          | X  | X  |
| Telephone Conversation Reports | X                  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X  | X  | X  | X          | X          | X  | X  |
| Meeting Minutes/Reports        | X                  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X  | X  | X  | X          | X          | X  | X  |
| General Correspondence         | X                  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X  | X  | X  | X          | X          | X  | X  |
| Engineering Analyses           |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |            |            |    |    |
| Hydrologic Analyses            |                    |   | X |   |   | X | X | X | X | X  | X  |    |            |            |    |    |
| Hydraulic Analyses             |                    |   | X |   |   | X | X | X | X | X  | X  |    |            |            |    |    |

|                                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Key to Cross-Section Labeling       |   |   | X |   |   | X | X | X | X | X | X |   |   |   |   |   |
| Key to Transect Labeling            |   |   | X |   |   | X | X | X | X | X | X |   |   |   |   |   |
| Draft FIS Report                    |   |   |   |   |   | X | X | X | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Mapping Information                 | X | X |   | X | X |   |   |   |   | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Miscellaneous Reference Information | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |

### SECTION 3—PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The mapping activities outlined in this MAS will begin on August 1, 2004, and will be completed no later than July 31, 2005. The mapping activities may be terminated at the option of FEMA or the MDEQ in accordance with the provisions of the Partnership Agreement dated January 11, 2001. If these Mapping Activities are terminated; the remaining funds from uncompleted activities, provided by FEMA for this Mapping Activity Statement, will be returned to FEMA.

### SECTION 4—FUNDING/LEVERAGE

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**FEMA funds identified above are available to be used for the following activities:**

| <b>Activities</b>   | <b>FUNDABLE?</b>  |
|---|---|
| Activity 1 – Scoping  | Yes, up to 10% of total cost                                  |
| Activity 2 – Outreach   | Yes, up to 10% of total cost                                  |
| Activity 3 – Field Surveys and Reconnaissance                                   | Yes   |
| Activity 4 – Topographic Data Development                                       | No, unless approval given during scoping phase by Regional PO |
| Activity 5 – Independent QA/QC Review of Topographic Data                       | No  |
| Activity 6 – Hydrologic Analyses  | Yes   |
| Activity 7 – Independent QA/QC Review of Hydrologic Analyses                    | Yes   |
| Activity 8 – Hydraulic Analyses   | Yes   |
| Activity 9 – Independent QA/QC Review of Hydraulic Analyses                     | Yes   |
| Activity 10 – Floodplain Mapping (Detailed Riverine or Coastal Analysis)        | Yes   |
| Activity 11 – Independent QA/QC Review of Floodplain Mapping (Revised Areas)    | Yes   |
| Activity 12 – Base Map Acquisition  | No  |
| Activity 13 – DFIRM Production (Non-Revised Areas)                              | Yes   |
| Activity 13A – Independent QA/QC Review of DFIRM Production (Non-Revised Areas) | Yes   |

| Activities  | FUNDABLE? |
|---|-----------|
| Activity 14 – DFIRM Production (Merge Revised and Non-Revised Information)                                | Yes       |
| Activity 14A – Application of DFIRM Graphic and Database Specifications                                   | Yes       |
| Activity 14A – Independent QA/QC Review of DFIRM Product Meeting FEMA Graphic and Database Specifications | Yes       |
| Activity 15 – Preliminary DFIRM and FIS Report Distribution   | Yes       |
| Activity 16 – Post-Preliminary Processing   | Yes       |

## SECTION 5—STANDARDS

The standards relevant to this Mapping Activity Statement are provided in Tables 5-1 and 5-2. Information on the correct volume, appendix, section, or subsection of the *FEMA Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners* to be referenced for each mapping activity are summarized in Table 5-2.

These Guidelines are available for viewing or download from the FEMA Flood Hazard Mapping Web site at [http://www.fema.gov/fhm/dl\\_cgs.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/fhm/dl_cgs.shtm).

Table 5-1. Applicable Standards for Project Activities

| Applicable Standards  | Activities |   |   |   |   |          |          |   |   |                            |    |    |            |            |    |    |
|---|------------|---|---|---|---|----------|----------|---|---|----------------------------|----|----|------------|------------|----|----|
|   | 1          | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6,<br>6A | 7,<br>7A | 8 | 9 | 10,<br>10<br>A,<br>10<br>B | 11 | 12 | 13,<br>13A | 14,<br>14A | 15 | 16 |
| <i>Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners</i> , April 2003   | X          | X | X | X | X | X        | X        | X | X | X                          | X  | X  | X          | X          | X  | X  |
| American Congress on Surveying and Mapping Procedures   | X          |   | X | X | X |          |          |   |   |                            |    |    |            |            |    |    |
| Global Positioning System (GPS) Surveys: National Geodetic Survey (NGS-510), "Guidelines for Establishing GPS-Derived Ellipsoid Heights," November 1997 | X          |   | X | X | X |          |          |   |   |                            |    |    |            |            |    |    |
| Engineer Manual 1110-1-1000, <i>Photogrammetric Mapping</i> (USACE), July 1, 2002   | X          |   | X | X | X |          |          |   |   |                            |    |    |            |            |    |    |
| Engineer Manual 1110-2-1003, <i>Hydrographic Surveys</i> (USACE), January 1, 2002   | X          |   | X |   |   |          |          |   |   |                            |    |    |            |            |    |    |
| "Numerical Models Accepted by FEMA for NFIP Usage," Updated April 2003  | X          |   |   |   |   | X        | X        | X | X |                            |    |    |            |            |    |    |
| <i>Content Standard for Digital Geospatial Metadata</i> (Federal Geographic Data Committee),  | X          | X |   | X | X |          |          |   |   | X                          | X  | X  | X          | X          | X  | X  |



| Activity Number | Activity Description    | Applicable Volume, Section/Subsection, and Appendix  |
|-----------------|-------------------------|--|
|                 |                         | Appendix A, Section A.4<br>Appendix C, Sections C.1 and C.7<br>Appendices E, F, G, H, M and N                  |
| 6A              | Coastal Hazard Analyses | Volume 1, Section 1.4 (specifically Subsection 1.4.2.2)<br>Appendix A, Section A.4<br>Appendices B, D, M and N |

Table 5-2. Project Activities and Applicable Portions of FEMA Guidelines and Specifications (Cont'd)

| Activity Number | Activity Description                                | Applicable Volume, Section/Subsection, and Appendix  |
|-----------------|---|--|
| 7               | Independent QA/QC Review of Hydrologic Analyses     | Volume 1, Section 1.4 (specifically Subsection 1.4.1)<br>Appendix A, Section A.4<br>Appendix C, Section C.2<br>Appendices E, F, G, H, and M  |
| 7A              | Independent QA/QC Review of Coastal Hazard Analyses | Volume 1, Section 1.4 (specifically Subsection 1.4.1)<br>Appendix A, Section A.4<br>Appendices B, D, and M   |
| 8               | Hydraulic Analyses                                  | Volume 1, Section 1.4 (specifically Subsections 1.4.2.2 and 1.4.2.4)<br>Appendix A, Section A.4 (specifically Subsection A.4.7)<br>Appendix C, Sections C.3 and C.7<br>Appendices B, E, F, G, H, M and N |

| Activity Number | Activity Description   | Applicable Volume, Section/Subsection, and Appendix  |
|-----------------|--|--|
| 9               | Independent QA/QC Review of Hydraulic Analyses   | Volume 1, Section 1.4 (specifically Subsection 1.4.1)<br>Appendix A, Section A.4 (specifically Subsection A.4.7)<br>Appendix C, Section C.5<br>Appendices B, E, F, G, H, and M   |
| 10              | Floodplain Mapping (Detailed Riverine or Coastal Analysis)                                     | Volume 1, Section 1.4 (specifically Subsection 1.4.2.3)<br>Appendix C, Sections C.4 and C.6<br>Appendix D, Sections D.2 (specifically Subsection D.2.7) and D.3 (specifically Subsection D.3.7)<br>Appendices E, F, G, H, K, L, M and N          |
| 10A             | Floodplain Mapping (Redelineation Using Effective Flood Profiles and Updated Topographic Data) | Volume 1, Section 1.4 (specifically Subsections 1.4.2.2 and 1.4.2.3)<br>Appendix C, Section C.6 (specifically Subsection C.6.1.3)<br>Appendices K, L, M and N  |
| 10B             | Floodplain Mapping (Refinement or Creation of Zone A)  | Volume 1, Section 1.4 (specifically Subsection 1.4.2.3)<br>Appendix C, Sections C.4 and C.6<br>Appendices K, L, M and N  |
| 11              | Independent QA/QC Review of Floodplain Mapping (Revised Areas)                                 | Volume 1, Section 1.4 (specifically Subsections 1.4.1 and 1.4.2.3)<br>Appendix C, Sections C.4 and C.6<br>Appendix D, Sections D.2 (specifically Subsection D.2.7) and D.3 (specifically Subsection D.3.7)<br>Appendices E, F, G, H, K, L, and M |
| 12              | Base Map Acquisition and Preparation   | Volume 1, Section 1.3 (specifically Subsection 1.3.1.8) and 1.4 (specifically Subsections 1.4.3.1 and 1.4.3.2)<br>Appendix A, Section A.1 (specifically Subsection A.1.1)  |
| 13              | DFIRM Production (Non-Revised Areas)   | Volume 1, Section 1.4 (specifically Subsections 1.4.2.2, 1.4.2.3, and 1.4.3.2)   |

| Activity Number | Activity Description  | Applicable Volume, Section/Subsection, and Appendix  |
|-----------------|---|--|
| 13A             | Independent QA/QC Review of DFIRM Production (Non-Revised Areas)                            | Appendices K, L, M and N<br>Volume 1, Section 1.4 (specifically Subsections 1.4.2.2, 1.4.2.3, and 1.4.3.2)<br>Appendices K, L, and M   |
| 14              | DFIRM Production (Merging Revised and Non-Revised Areas)                                    | Volume 1, Section 1.4 (specifically Subsections 1.4.2.3 and 1.4.3.3)<br>Appendices K, L, M and N                                       |
| 14A             | DFIRM Production (Application of FEMA Graphics and Database Specifications)                 | Volume 1, Section 1.4 (specifically Subsections 1.4.2.3, 1.4.3.3, 1.4.3.9, and 1.4.3.10)<br>Appendices K, L, M and N                   |
| 14B             | Independent QA/QC Review of DFIRM Product Meeting FEMA Graphics and Database Specifications | Volume 1, Section 1.4 (specifically Subsections 1.4.2.3, 1.4.3.3, 1.4.3.9, and 1.4.3.10)<br>Appendices K, L, and M                     |
| 15              | Preliminary DFIRM and FIS Report Distribution   | Volume 1, Sections 1.4 (specifically Subsections 1.4.2 and 1.4.3) and 1.5 (specifically Subsection 1.5.1)<br>Appendices J, K, L, and M |
| 16              | Post-Preliminary Processing   | Volume 1, Section 1.5 (specifically Subsection 1.5.2)<br>Appendices J, K, L, and M   |

## SECTION 6—SCHEDULE

The activities documented in this MAS shall be completed in accordance with the project schedule below. If changes to this schedule are required, the responsible Mapping Partner shall coordinate with FEMA and the other Mapping Partners in a timely manner.

| Activities  | RESPONSIBLE PARTNER(S) | DATE DUE  |
|---|------------------------|-----------|
| Activity 1 – Scoping  | MDEQ, FEMA             | Aug 2004  |
| Activity 2 - Outreach   | MDEQ, FEMA             | On-going  |
| Activity 3 – Field Surveys and Reconnaissance   | Contractors            | Oct 2004  |
| Activity 4 – Topographic Data Development   | Contractors            | Dec 2004  |
| Activity 5 – Independent QA/QC Review of Topographic Data   | MDEQ                   | Dec 2004  |
| Activity 6 –Hydrologic Analyses   | Contractors            | Jan 2005  |
| Activity 7–Independent QA/QC Review of Hydrologic Analyses  | MDEQ                   | Feb 2005  |
| Activity 8 – Hydraulic Analyses   | Contractors            | Apr 2005  |
| Activity 9 – Independent QA/QC Review of Hydraulic Analyses   | MDEQ                   | May 2005  |
| Activity 10 – Floodplain Mapping  | Contractors            | Jul 2005  |
| Activity 11 – Independent QA/QC Review of Floodplain Mapping  | MDEQ                   | Jul 2005  |
| Activity 12 – Base Map Acquisition  | MDEQ                   | Jul 2005  |
| Activity 13 – DFIRM Production (Non-Revised Areas)  | FEMA                   | Jun 2005  |
| Activity 13A – Independent QA/QC Review of DFIRM Production (Non-Revised Areas)                           | FEMA                   | Jul 2005  |
| Activity 14 – DFIRM Production (Merge Revised and Non-Revised Information)                                | FEMA                   | Sept 2005 |
| Activity 14A – Application of DFIRM Graphic and Database Specifications                                   | FEMA                   | Nov 2005  |
| Activity 14A – Independent QA/QC Review of DFIRM Product Meeting FEMA Graphic and Database Specifications | FEMA                   | Dec 2005  |
| Activity 15 – Preliminary DFIRM and FIS Report Distribution   | FEMA                   | Feb 2006  |
| Activity 16 – Post-Preliminary Processing   | FEMA                   | Feb 2007  |

