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## **Mapping Activity Statement No. 20**

In accordance with the Cooperating Technical Partners (CTP) Partnership Agreement dated August 16, 1999 between Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Mapping Activity Statement (MAS) No. 20 is as follows:

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## SECTION 1—OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE

The objective of the Risk MAP Project documented in this MAS is to develop and / or support a Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, for Big Slough and Little Bazile Creek watersheds. All processes and deliverables shall be completed in accordance to the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA’s) Guidelines and Specifications (G&S) for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners and effective Procedure Memoranda (PMs). These documents can be found on FEMA’s website at [http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/gs\\_main.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/gs_main.shtm) and [http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/gs\\_memos.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/gs_memos.shtm). PMs are used to implement updates the G&S, to provide additional clarification of procedures that are not documented in published guidance documents, and to establish procedures and policies. Should a PM require a scope change, CTPs should work through the change process by submitting Special Problem Reports (SPRs) to the appropriate Regional office.

The DFIRM and FIS report will be produced for the Big Slough and Little Bazile Creek watersheds, in the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88), which includes portions of Howard and Knox counties.

In addition, the Mapping Partners involved in this project will develop new and/or updated flood hazard data, as summarized in Table 1.1, Flooding Source(s) to be Studied.

**Table 1.1 – Total Stream Mile Counts by Type of Study**

	Coastal	A zone/ Basic Study	AE, AH Zone/ Enhanced Study	Revisions due to Updated topographic data
Miles of Effective Flood Insurance Study				
Updated Effective Studies		New / Leveraged	New/ Leveraged	
New Studies Identified		New / Leveraged	New/ Leveraged	

\*Details on type of study will be documented in Full Project Scope Deliverable from Scoping task identified in an attached Appendices.

This Risk MAP Project will be completed by the following Mapping Partners:

- NDNR;
- US Geological Survey (through an agreement with NDNR); and
- STARR.

The Mapping Partner shall notify FEMA and all applicable parties of all meetings with community officials, and other relevant meetings, at least two weeks prior to the meeting (with as much notice as possible). FEMA and/or its contractor may or may not attend the community meetings.

The Mapping Partners shall maintain an archive of all data submitted. (All supporting data must be retained for three years from the date a funding recipient submits its final expenditure report to FEMA.)

NDNR is responsible for the implementation of an independent Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) plan for all assigned activities. The NDNR will submit a Summary Report that describes and provides the results of all automated or manual QA/QC review steps. The report should include the process for all assigned activities.

Independent QC review activities may be performed by the CTPs or FEMA's contractor at the discretion of FEMA. If the CTP will be utilizing its staff to do the QC review, this should be identified during scoping. The CTP will need to submit its QC plan to the Regional Project Officer for acceptance. Please note FEMA will also be performing periodic audits and overall study/project management to ensure study quality. Whether or not the CTP performs the QC review, the CTP will be responsible for addressing any and all comments resulting from independent QA reviews, including re-submittal of deliverables as needed to pass technical review. The NDNR will submit Risk MAP products to FEMA's designated reviewer for QC prior to public issuance.

Metadata is required for all activities. A metadata file that complies with FEMA/FGDC Metadata Profiles in XML-format shall be included with the submittals.

DFIRM-related tasks require a passing QC Report from FEMA's National DFIRM database auto-validation tool for Quality Review (QR) #1, #2, and #5 as described in PM 42. Training materials for this step are available on the Mapping Information Platform (MIP) at MIP User Care>Training Materials.

FEMA will provide download/upload capability for data submittals through the MIP located at <https://hazards.fema.gov>. As each activity is completed, the data must be submitted to the MIP.

The NDNR assigned the activity will respond to any comments generated as a result of the mandatory quality control checks by the Production and Technical Services contractor (PTS) as described in PM 42. The PTS QC process is nationally funded and required on each study.

In cooperation with the FEMA Project Officer, a Project Management Team (PMT) will be established by the NDNR consisting of representatives from the NDNR, FEMA's regional engineer, the Regional Support Center (RSC), and other appropriate parties. The PMT will be responsible for coordinating the activities identified in this MAS. The FEMA Region will be provided with documentation identifying the established PMT.

Earned Value Data Entry: The MIP Workflow is designed to track the Earned Value of mapping projects. This information is automatically calculated by the MIP, using the Actual cost and schedule of work performed, or "actuals" and comparing them to the expected cost and schedule of work performed, or "baseline".

Once the FEMA Regional office has funded a project FEMA Region VII will complete the "Obligate Project Funds" screen in the MIP. This step establishes the baseline for the project in the MIP, using the cost and schedule information for each task as outlined in this document and agreed to at the completion of the scoping process.

The MIP study workflow allows NDNR to manage the status of these projects at a task level. The cost and schedule information, updated by the NDNR for each contracted task, is compared to the baseline

established for those tasks. This information is rolled up to a project level and monitored by the FEMA Region to assess progress and Earned Value.

Earned Value data entry involves updating cost, schedule and performance (physical percent complete) in the MIP by the NDNR.

Once the baseline has been established in the MIP, the NDNR shall input the performance and actual cost to date for each contracted task for each project. This must be completed at minimum **every thirty days** and at the completion of the task. When a task is completed, including all QA/QC activities in this MAS plus the Quality Control Reviews established in PM 42, the NDNR shall enter 100% complete, enter the actual completion cost, and the actual completion date within the Manage Data Development, Manage Preliminary Map Production, or Manage Post Preliminary Processing, as applicable. The “Manage” tasks will be open and accepting updates for up to 90 days after the completion of the last producer task in each module. The MIP shall also be populated with appropriate leverage information regarding who paid for the data provided and the amount of data used by the Risk MAP Project. The NDNR will maintain a Schedule Performance Index (SPI) and Cost Performance Index (CPI) of at least .92. SPRs must be submitted in a timely manner as required.

The Project Officer, as needed, may request additional information on status on an ad hoc basis.

<b>QR6 Check LED</b>					<b>X</b>
<b>QR5 Validate Final DFIRM Database and</b>					<b>X</b>
<b>QR4 Validate BFE Notice and CEO Letters</b>					<b>X</b>
<b>Post Preliminary Processing</b>					
<b>Distribute Preliminary Map Products</b>					
<b>QR3 10% Visual Check</b>					<b>X</b>
<b>QR2 Auto Validation of Preliminary Database</b>					<b>X</b>
<b>Perform Independent QA/QC of Preliminary Map Products</b>					
<b>Produce Preliminary Map Products</b>					
<b>Quality Review (QR1 Auto Validation of Draft DFIRM Database</b>					<b>X</b>
<b>Develop DFIRM Database</b>					
<b>Perform Independent QA/QC of Perform Floodplain Mapping</b>					
<b>Perform Floodplain Mapping</b>					
<b>Perform Independent QA/QC of Hydraulic</b>					
<b>Perform Hydraulic Analyses</b>					
<b>Perform Independent QA/QC of Hydrologic</b>					
<b>Perform Hydrologic Analyses</b>					
<b>Acquire Base map</b>					
<b>Perform Independent QA/QC of Topographic Data</b>					
<b>Develop Topographic Data</b>					
<b>Perform Field Survey</b>					
<b>Scoping</b>					
<b>Program Management</b>					
<b>Partner Type</b>					<b>Core TO</b>
<b>Partner Name</b>	MP1	MP2	MP1	MP2	<b>Core TO</b>
<b>County</b>	Z	Z	Y	Y	<b>All Counties</b>
<b>State</b>					<b>All States</b>

## Project Management

(Optional)

Responsible Mapping Partner: NDNR

Scope: Project Management is the active process of planning, organizing, and managing resources toward the successful accomplishment of pre-defined project goals and objectives. The NDNR will coordinate with the FEMA Regional Office with respect to Project Management activities and technical mapping activities.

Standards: All Program Management work shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 - Standards.

Deliverables:

- Monthly Earned Value data reporting through the MIP with variance explanations to support management of technical mapping activities;
- Management of SPI/CPI performance for an organization; and
- Management of adherence to scope of work and quality of work for an organization.

## Project Risk Identification and Mitigation

Responsible Mapping Partner: NDNR

Threats to the planned completion of a project may come from various sources. Risks should be identified during the planning phase and monitored throughout the project so that potential impact can be assessed and solution strategies developed and implemented as needed.

**Table 1.4 – Project Risk Identification**

Project Risk	Potential Impact	Solution Strategy
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Staff turnover	Completion dates delayed	Increase cross training efforts; Develop backup plan
USGS can not complete hydrology task on-time	Project can not be completed on time	Clearly define the task performance period in the agreement; Monitor the task progress monthly

## Perform Project Scoping

Responsible Mapping Partner: NDNR

Scope: The Project Scoping phase typically begins once some level of a community’s mapping needs have been identified and FEMA and the community have decided to initiate a Risk MAP Project to identify, assess, plan for, and communicate the community’s risks. The scoping process is divided into three main parts – Production Planning, Scoping , and the Post-Scoping Meeting Activities.

### Production Planning

The NDNR will conduct production planning activities to collect data to support project scoping and implementation. The data requested of the community by the NDNR during Risk MAP production planning will include:

- Elevation data
- Local needs for new or re-studied areas to support updates to CNMS (the selected needs data identified during the CNMS process can be obtained through the FEMA Region/RSC and plotted on the scoping map for discussion during the scoping meeting)
- Status of current mapping assessment and planning within project area
- Contact information (including contacts for enhanced stakeholder group and major economic drivers in the watershed)
- Community data (e.g., boundaries, demographics)
- Engineering data (e.g., NID information, local studies, new/revised structures)
- Local communication capabilities, preferences, and demographics

Production planning also presents the first opportunities to communicate with the community about the project. NDNR will complete a Community Communications Assessment to assess the current communication capabilities within the community, then complete a Community Communications Planning Tool to determine how risk communications capability will be built over the project lifecycle. Specific communications, such as notices of impending study, and a Risk MAP Project Initiation Packet will be sent to the local community from NDNR during this phase.

If Production Planning steps are performed by a separate Contractor, submit a report summarizing the data collection efforts and deliverables.

### Scoping Meeting

The main objectives of the Scoping Meeting are to: 1) leave with a common, documented understanding of the scope of the project and planned outcomes; and 2) initiate risk assessment, mitigation planning, and risk communication discussions. NDNR will coordinate, setup, and hold the Scoping Meeting to inform the community of the upcoming flood study and of their responsibilities related to it; this includes identifying a time, place, and participants.

Activities to be conducted during the Scoping Meeting are detailed below.

- Review the NFIP in general and the mapping process in particular
- Identify the mapping needs identified by each affected community
- Identify the existing flood hazards in the project area, which can include riverine, coastal (ocean and gulf), lacustrine, alluvial fan, and shallow flooding hazards to be assessed
- Determine the existence and accuracy of available topographic data
- Determine the base map to be used for the production of the Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM)
- Finalize and document (through the Project Participation Agreement) the scope of the project, including determining which flooding sources would be studied
- Make or confirm assignments to NDNR members using an updated MAS/SOW template
- Provide compliance/adoption information to community officials
- Validate the information captured by the community assessment tool and identify appropriate local spokesperson(s) for the project moving forward
- Initiate development of a Project Risk Communications Plan

Risk MAP Scoping Meetings will include members of an “enhanced stakeholder group” (described below) that will provide a broad local knowledge base to help inform the project. Meeting with this larger group will also allow FEMA to share Risk MAP project data with a wider local audience than has been done before.

Risk MAP Scoping Meeting invitees/attendees are listed below.

- Regional Project Team Lead (usually a Regional Engineer)
- CTP members of the PMT
- Regional Support Center (RSC) members of the PMT
- CTP contractor members of the Project Team
- State NFIP Coordinator(s), if not participating as a CTP
- Other Federal agencies that are active or have a vested interest in the Risk MAP effort in the area (either under an Interagency Agreement with FEMA or as part of their own programs)
- Community Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) and floodplain administrators (FPAs) in the watershed/study area affected
- Indian Tribal entity CEOs and FPAs in the watershed/study area if Indian Tribal lands affected
- Community floodplain managers/building officials that are not identified as FPAs for program purposes
- Community officials that are not identified as FPAs for program purposes
- Community Geographic Information System (GIS) specialists

- Community planners (e.g., mitigation planners, land-use planners, housing/ community development officials, planning and zoning officials)
- State and local emergency management officials
- Economic development and commerce representatives (e.g., local economic development officials, chambers of commerce, large businesses)
- Other stakeholders with ongoing projects
- Representatives of environmental groups
- Representatives of State agencies other than the State NFIP Coordinator(s)

The NDNR will support the FEMA Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) for this flood study as identified in 44 CFR Part 66. The CCO for this study is identified as Richard J. Leonard. During the Scoping Meeting, the NDNR must inform the communities of their responsibilities as described under the above-referenced regulation. Following initial contact with the communities, the CTP will prepare and setup the Community Case File and Flood Elevation Determination Docket for the maintenance of all communication and coordination throughout the project as outlined in 44 CFR Parts 66 and 67.

#### Post-Scoping Meeting Activities

- Select available and needed geospatial data to be used in the study and risk assessments as well as update FEMA's geospatial data tracking systems, National Digital Elevation Program (NDEP) and National Digital Orthophoto Program (NDOP) located at <http://hazards.fema.gov/metadata/NDEP> and <http://hazards.fema.gov/metadata/NDOP>.
- Evaluate selected needs and community requests to determine the community's unmet needs and develop the final Scope of Project document for delivery to FEMA and the community.
- Update CNMS with the final documentation showing newly validated and/or areas with remaining needs as appropriate.
- Supply a copy of the approved Scoping Report back to the communities in order to ensure they are aware of which needs were selected to be updated during the flood study.

Based on the discussion of flood data update and base map update requests, NDNR and the FEMA Project Officer will finalize the areas to be included in the final scope of project (based on recommendations provided by the PMT). Areas to be studied by basic or enhanced study 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.

Identify all stream/coastal reaches where levees are shown as providing protection against the 1-percent-annual-chance flood. NDNR must work with the FEMA Regional Office to request the information specified in Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 65.10, mapping of areas protected by levee systems, from the community or other party seeking continued recognition of the levee and provide this information to the FEMA Regional Office and/or PMT.

Many of the activities at each phase can take place concurrently and are not contingent on the completion of previous tasks. The FEMA Project Officer, working in close coordination with the PMT, has the flexibility of tailoring the Scoping process to best fit the needs of the project. NDNR will evaluate the effective flood data, available base data and selected needs to determine the scope of project to be approved by FEMA.

Standards: All Scoping work shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 - Standards.

Deliverables: NDNR shall make the following products available to FEMA by uploading the digital data to the MIP.

- Final Scoping Report for project documented in MAS or SOW will be delivered in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 - Schedule to the Regional Project Officer for approval. Project scope should include a list of watersheds and affected communities to be studied/mapped and a clear assessment of ability of the project to meet metrics.
- QA/QC Plan for the review of the mapping project outlined in this MAS. This will include the checklists developed for that review in accordance with the schedule included in Section 6 - Schedule.
- Updated list of CEO or local FPA contacts or a report from CIS showing this information has been updated.
- Update leverage data in MIP.
- Report documenting levee information transmitted to the FEMA Regional office and/or the PMT.
- Report from FEMA CNMS, showing needs identified during the scoping process that will not be addressed in the final scope of project are entered.
- Report showing that, if obtained from non-Federal sources, information on available terrain and ortho-imagery data has been entered into the NDEP and NDOP project tracking Web sites, respectively.
- Other deliverables including reports, correspondence, maps, agenda, meeting summaries, tabular data, and geospatial files to be submitted throughout the scoping process.
- For leverage data, evidence that the providing partner is aware of the delivery deadlines and scope for deliverable products, and that they are capable of meeting those requirements.

## Perform Project Outreach

*(NOTE: The performance of outreach takes place throughout the life of the flood study project. Work with your Region to develop a Project Outreach Plan (POP). Therefore, we recommend tracking the outreach budget, in the MIP Workflow, equally between Produce Preliminary Map Products and Post Preliminary Processing. An alternate tracking method is acceptable with approval from the FEMA Regional Office.)*

*FEMA's outreach program includes the following meetings (on average): Scoping Meeting, Flood Study Review Meeting, Final CCO Meeting/Public Open House, and a Sustainability Meeting.*

### **Four outreach meetings**

Risk communication to the state and local officials will begin during pre-scoping. As indicated earlier, traditional pre-scoping will be enhanced to obtain and review information regarding existing hazard mitigation plans and other data to support risk assessment and potential planning efforts. It will also be used to initiate risk discussions with the community, and obtain critical information regarding local communication protocols. This Risk MAP project will include four in-person opportunities to build risk awareness at the local level. The actual number of meetings will be determined based on the risk and need at the local level and determined as part of developing the project-based communication plan. These opportunities consist of:

- **Scoping Meeting.** The traditional scoping meeting will be enhanced to include members of the enhanced stakeholder group, described in detail above in "Perform Project Scoping."

- **Flood Study Review Meeting.** This meeting will serve two purposes. First it will provide local stakeholders the opportunity to view and comment on the engineering analyses prior to public release and encourage them to take ownership of the results. Second, it will provide refined risk assessment data and preliminary contributing flood risk factors, thereby increasing risk awareness and providing the local stakeholders with the opportunity to take proactive measures to reduce its risk in the short term.
- **Final CCO meeting(s)/open house.** This meeting will provide local officials an opportunity to verify the appropriate revisions have been made to previously demonstrated information, take ownership of the products, and deliver the results of the project to the local citizenry. Risk MAP production team support will be provided to support the local officials, or deliver the messages, if the local officials are unwilling.
- **Sustainability Meeting.** The final Risk MAP project outreach and communication effort will occur sometime between the Letter of Final Determination (LFD) and shortly after adoption. Its purpose will be to “turn-over” final results of the project to the local stakeholders, develop an action plan for them to use the results of the Risk MAP project to take risk reduction measures, and obtain feedback on how the project could have been implemented better, including how risk communications can be improved in the future.

To facilitate information sharing and a continuing dialogue between the PMT and the community, the NDNR will provide communities with a monthly status report outlining the current project status, key accomplishments to date, and next steps (template to be provided from FEMA).

The overarching goal is to create a climate of understanding and ownership of the mapping process at the State and local levels. Well-planned and executed community engagement 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 NDNR in responding to congressional inquiries.

The NDNR will work with the Regional Office during the initiation of this activity to develop the Project Communications Plan to support the implementation of the mapping project. The Regional Office will have access to many customizable outreach tools that have been developed for this process to support each touchpoint that the PMT has with the community. Volume 1 of the G&S provides specific outreach goals that can be considered

All communication with local governments will be done in accordance with 44 CFR Part 66.

Deliverables: Upon development of a Project Communications Plan, the NDNR shall deliver the following to the FEMA Regional Project Officer in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 – Schedule and include within the TSDN:

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

## Perform Field Survey

Responsible Mapping Partner: NDNR

Scope: To supplement any field reconnaissance conducted during the Project Scoping phase of this project, NDNR 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.

NDNR shall conduct field surveys, including obtaining channel and floodplain cross sections, identifying or establishing temporary or permanent bench marks, and obtaining the physical dimensions of hydraulic and flood-control structures. NDNR also shall coordinate with other Mapping Partners that are involved in the Topographic Data Development process regarding ongoing activities and deliverables.

Standards: All Field Survey work shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 - Standards.

Deliverables: NDNR shall make the following products available to FEMA by uploading the digital data to the MIP. A metadata file complying with the NFIP Metadata Profiles Specifications, must accompany the G&S compliant digital data. Additionally, support documentation and Certification of Work shall be submitted according to Appendix M. Where Technical Support Data Notebook (TSDN) format is used, such shall be delivered in accordance with Section 2 – Technical and Administrative Support Data Submittal.

This submittal will occur in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 - Schedule. Where paper documentation is required by State Law for Professional certifications, you may submit the paper in addition to a scanned version of the paper for the digital record.

- A report summarizing the findings of the field reconnaissance;
- Maps and drawings that provide the detailed survey results;
- Survey notebook containing cross section and structure data;
- Documentation of the horizontal and vertical datum;
- Digital versions of draft text for inclusion in the FIS report;
- Digital survey data consistent with the DCS (see draft DCS language and coordinate with the Region regarding its appropriate usage) as described in the G&S, 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 as outlined in the approved QA/QC Plan.

## Develop Topographic Data

Responsible Mapping Partner: NDNR

Scope: Topographic/elevation data may be new or existing. New is defined as data that will be flown and processed for the areas specified in this MAS according to the referenced specifications. Existing topographic/elevation data (previously flown and/or processed) may be used to produce flood studies and related products. However, if new data is not to be collected, the FEMA Region should be consulted before leveraging the best available existing topographic to ensure acceptability for the intended level of flood hazard study.

NDNR shall obtain additional topographic data for the floodplain areas to be studied including overbank areas. These data will be used for hydrologic analysis, hydraulic analysis, floodplain boundary delineation and/or testing of floodplain boundary standard compliance. NDNR shall gather availability, currency, and accuracy information for existing topographic data covering the communities in this MAS. NDNR shall use topographic data for work in this MAS only if it is better quality than that of the original study or effective studies. In coordination with the partner who performed the scoping task in conjunction with this MAS, ensure that the FEMA Geospatial Data Coordination Policy and Implementation Guide is followed and the data obtained or to be produced are documented properly as per those policies and guidelines. {If necessary, describe additional steps that may need to be taken to use the available data. }

### Requirements for New Topographic Data:

NDNR shall generate new topographic data for Little Bazile Creek. NDNR also shall coordinate with team members conducting field surveys as part of this MAS. Accuracy for the topographic data shall be selected based on the current FEMA requirements as documented in the G&S and generally will correspond with the level of detail for the flood hazard study to be conducted with this topographic data. Normally topographic data accuracy is 37cm RMSE vertically except for extremely flat terrain. No FEMA funds shall be expended on new topographic data unless prior approval is given by the Regional Project Officer after analyzing the need for updated topographic data during the scoping period.

For this activity, NDNR also shall generate the data collected under this Topographic Data Development task and via field surveys to create a best available digital elevation model for the subject flooding sources. In addition, NDNR shall address all concerns or questions regarding the topographic data development and processing that are raised by NDNR during the independent QA/QC review. NDNR should confirm with the FEMA Project Officer the appropriate data model(s) (i.e. contours, Digital Elevation Models (DEMs), TIN, mass points and breaklines) for the intended use of the data.

### Requirements for leveraging existing Topographic Data:

NDNR shall use topographic data for the areas described in the Table 1.5 Summary of Topographic Data table. The source of the topographic data must be listed as well. NDNR shall coordinate with other team members conducting field surveys as part of this MAS. Accuracy for the topographic data shall be evaluated based on the current FEMA requirements for flood hazard study level of detail as documented in the G&S.

NDNR also shall update the topographic maps and/or DEMs for the subject flooding sources using the data collected under this Topographic Data Development process and via field surveys. In addition,

NDNR shall address all concerns or questions regarding the topographic data development that are raised by NDNR during the independent QC review, or during the PM 42 defined Validation Process.

**Table 1.5 Summary of Topographic Data**

New/Existing	Study Area	Accuracy & Age	Source	Contact Info	Approximate Footprint	Use Restrictions
Existing	Big Slough, Howard County	TVC, USGS 10-m DEM; 10-ft contours	USGS, Public domain,			None
New	Little Bazile Creek, Knox County	IFSAR Topo Grid; 5-ft contours	INTERMAP Technologies	303-708-0955		Yes. It will not be released to the public unless the final maps are appealed.

Standards: All Topographic Data Development work shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 - Standards.

Deliverables: In accordance with the G&S, NDNR shall make the following products available to FEMA by uploading the digital data to the MIP and submit support documentation and Certification of Work according to Appendix M (where Technical Support Data Notebook (TSDN) format is used, such shall be delivered in accordance with Section 2 – Technical and Administrative Support Data Submittal) so that all parties that needs it can access it as needed in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 - Schedule. A metadata file complying with the NFIP Metadata Profiles, must accompany the uploaded G&S compliant digital data. Where paper documentation is required by State Law for Professional certifications, you may submit the paper in addition to a scanned version of the paper for the digital record.

- Digital contour data;
- Report summarizing methodology and results;
- Mass points and breaklines data;
- Gridded digital elevation model data;
- TIN data;
- Checkpoint analyses to assess the accuracy of data, including Root Mean Square Error calculations to support vertical accuracy;
- Identification of 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;

- Other supporting files consistent with the DCS in the G&S (see draft DCS language and coordinate with the Region regarding its appropriate use);
- 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 as outlined in the approved QA/QC Plan;
- A narrative from describing the scope of work, direction from FEMA, issues, information for next mapping partner, etc.

## **Perform Independent QA/QC: Topographic Data**

Responsible Mapping Partner: NDNR

Scope: NDNR shall perform an impartial review of the mapping data generated by NDNR under Develop Topographic Data to ensure that these data are consistent with FEMA standards and standard engineering practice, and are sufficient to prepare the DFIRM. FEMA may audit or assist in these activities if deemed to be necessary by the Regional Project Officer.

Please note FEMA will also be performing periodic audits and overall study/project management to ensure study quality. The CTP will be responsible for addressing any and all comments resulting from independent QC, including re-submittal of deliverables as needed to pass technical review.

Standards: All Topographic Data Development work shall be reviewed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 - Standards.

Deliverables: In accordance with the G&S, NDNR shall make the following products available to FEMA by uploading the digital data to the MIP. Additionally, the TSDN format described in the G&S must be delivered in accordance with Section 2 – Technical and Administrative Support Data Submittal.

This submittal will occur in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 - Schedule.

- 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.

## **Acquire Base Map**

Responsible Mapping Partner: NDNR

Scope: Base Map Acquisition consists of obtaining the digital base map for the project and as necessary, preparing the base map for use. NDNR shall provide the digital base map.

Standards: All Base Map Acquisition work shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 - Standards. The DCS must be met for this deliverable to be acceptable.

Requirements:

Obtain digital files (raster or vector) of the base map. In coordination with the partner who performed scoping, ensure that the FEMA Geospatial Data Coordination Policy and Implementation Guide are followed.

- 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.
- Review and supplement the content of the acquired base map to comply with the requirements of the G&S.
- For the base map components that have a mandatory data structure, convert the base map data to the format required in the G&S.
- Certify that the digital data meets the minimum standards and specifications that FEMA requires for DFIRM production.

In addition, NDNR shall address all concerns or questions regarding the base map that are raised during the Independent QC review performed by NDNR, or during the PTS’s Validate Content Submission Process.

**Table 1.6 Summary of Planned Base Map (if known): Update Scoping Report**

Study Area	Description	Source
Big Slough	2009 National Ag Imagery Program Mosaic	USDA/FSA – Aerial Photography Field Office; Public Domain
Little Bazile Creek	2009 National Ag Imagery Program Mosaic	USDA/FSA – Aerial Photography Field Office; Public Domain

Deliverables: In accordance with the G&S, NDNR shall make the following products available to FEMA by uploading the digital data to the MIP so that NDNR can access it for an independent QA/QC review in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 - Schedule. A metadata file complying with the NFIP Metadata Profiles Specifications, must accompany the uploaded digital data. Additionally, the TSDN format described in the G&S must be delivered in accordance with Section 2 – Technical and Administrative Support Data Submittal.

- Digital base map files that comply with the G&S requirements
- Written certification that the digital data meet the minimum standards and specifications;
- Digital versions of draft text for inclusion in the FIS report;
- Documentation that FEMA can use the digital base map; and
- Documentation of the Datum, if appropriate.

### **Perform Independent QA/QC: Base Map**

Responsible Mapping Partner: NDNR

Scope: NDNR shall perform an impartial review of the base map acquired by NDNR to ensure it includes data consistent with FEMA standards and sufficient to include on the DFIRM. Any needed edits should be made to the product to comply with FEMA standards.

Please note FEMA will also be performing periodic audits and overall study/project management to ensure study quality. The CTP will be responsible for addressing any and all comments resulting from independent QC, including re-submittal of deliverables as needed to pass technical review.

**Standards:** All Independent QA/QC work shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 - Standards.

**Deliverables:** In accordance with the G&S, NDNR shall make the following products available to FEMA by uploading the digital data to the MIP. Additionally, the TSDN format described in the G&S must be delivered in accordance with Section 2 – Technical and Administrative Support Data Submittal.

This submittal will occur in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 - Schedule.

- A Summary Report that describes the findings of the independent QA/QC review;
- Recommendations to resolve any problems that are identified during the independent QA/QC review; and
- If the data is changed during review, then updated deliverables from previous tasks will be submitted at this time.

## Develop Hydrologic Data

**Responsible Mapping Partner:** NDNR

**Scope:** NDNR shall perform hydrologic analyses for approximately 55 square miles of drainage area for the flooding source(s) identified in Scoping Report. NDNR shall calculate peak flood discharges for the 10, 25, 50, 100 and 500 year events using the NFACT Tool and HEC-HMS computer program. These flood discharges will be the basis for subsequent Hydraulic Analyses performed under this MAS. In addition, NDNR shall address all concerns or questions regarding the hydrologic analyses that are raised during the independent QA/QC review performed by NDNR during the QA/QC review.

If GIS-based modeling is used, NDNR shall document automated data processing and modeling algorithms, and provide the data to FEMA to ensure these are consistent with FEMA standards. 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 NDNR shall provide full user documentation, technical algorithm documentation, and the software to FEMA for review before performing the hydrologic analyses.

**Table 1.7 Summary of Hydrologic Analysis**

Study Area	Method	Square Miles of New Hydrology
Big Slough	Regression equation using the N-FACT Tool	12.3
Little Bazile Creek	HEC-HMS	43

**Standards:** All Hydrologic Analyses work shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 - Standards.

Deliverables: In accordance with the G&S, NDNR shall make the following products available to FEMA by uploading the digital data to the MIP so that the PTS can access it for an independent QA/QC review in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 - Schedule. A metadata file complying with the NFIP Metadata Profiles Specifications, must accompany the uploaded digital data. Additionally, the TSDN format described in the G&S must be delivered in accordance with Section 2 – Technical and Administrative Support Data Submittal.

- Digital copies of all hydrologic modeling (input and output) files for the 10, 25, 50, 100 and 500 year events;
- Digital Summary of Discharges Tables presenting discharge data for the flooding sources for which hydrologic analyses were performed;
- Digital versions of draft text for inclusion in the FIS report;
- Digital versions of all backup data used in the analysis including work maps;
- Format Hydrology Database or Data Delivery consistent with the DCS—in the G&S of all return periods (see draft DCS language and coordinate with the Region regarding its appropriate use);
- 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 as outlined in the approved QA/QC Plan;
- For GIS-based modeling, deliverables shall include all input and output data, and GIS data layers.
- Where paper documentation is required by State Law for Professional certifications, you may submit the paper in addition to a scanned version of the paper for the digital record.

## **Perform Independent QA/QC: Hydrologic Data**

Responsible Mapping Partner: PTS

Scope: PTS shall perform an impartial review of the technical, scientific, and other information submitted by NDNR specific to the hydrologic analyses to ensure that the data and modeling are consistent with FEMA standards and standard engineering practice, and are sufficient to prepare the DFIRM. FEMA may audit or assist in these activities if deemed to be necessary by the Regional Project Officer. This work shall include, at a minimum, the activities listed below.

Please note FEMA will also be performing periodic audits and overall study/project management to ensure study quality. The CTP will be responsible for addressing any and all comments resulting from independent QC, including re-submittal of deliverables as needed to pass technical review.

- 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 throughout the watershed.
- Maintain records of all contacts, reviews, recommendations, and actions and make the data readily available to FEMA; and
- If data changed during review, then updated deliverables for previous tasks will be submitted at this time.

Standards: All Independent QA/QC work shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 - Standards.

Deliverables: In accordance with the G&S, the PTS shall make the following products available to FEMA by uploading the digital data to the MIP. Additionally, the TSDN format described in the G&S must be delivered in accordance with Section 2 – Technical and Administrative Support Data Submittal.

This submittal will occur in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 - Schedule.

- A Summary Report that describes the findings of the independent QA/QC review.
- Recommendations to resolve any problems that are identified during the independent QA/QC review.
- Where paper documentation is required by State Law for Professional certifications, you may submit the paper in addition to a scanned version of the paper for the digital record.

## **Develop Hydraulic Data**

Responsible Mapping Partner: NDNR

Scope: NDNR shall perform hydraulic analyses for approximately 47 miles of the flooding sources listed earlier in Table 1.1. The modeling will include the 10, 25, 50, 100 and 500 year events based on peak discharges computed under Hydrologic Analyses. The hydraulic methods used for this analysis will include base level and enhanced level hydraulic modeling. The base level will use an automated hydraulic model, and use the best available elevation data. It will not include field surveys, floodways, or mapped BFEs. The enhanced level may include field surveys, floodways, and the 10, 25, 50, 100 and 500 year . NFACT Tool will be used for the Big Slough watershed base level modeling, while the HEC-RAS model will be used for the Little Bazile Creek watershed enhanced level hydraulic modeling. In addition a depth grid will be developed for newly studied areas and existing studied areas that are considered valid.

For streams studied by basic or enhanced methods, NDNR shall perform hydraulic analyses for all flooding sources that have a drainage area greater than or equal to 1 mi<sup>2</sup>. For all flood sources that have drainage areas less than 1 mi<sup>2</sup> and have effective mapping, NDNR shall also perform hydraulic analyses extending to the upstream limits of the effective study.

NDNR shall use the cross-section and field data collected during Field Survey and the topographic data collected during the Topographic Data Collection, when appropriate, to perform the hydraulic analyses. The hydraulic analyses will be used to establish flood elevations and regulatory floodways for the subject flooding sources.

NDNR shall use the FEMA CHECK-2 or CHECK-RAS checking program to verify the reasonableness of the hydraulic analyses. To facilitate the independent QA/QC review, NDNR shall provide explanations for unresolved messages from the CHECK-2 or CHECK-RAS program, as appropriate. In addition, NDNR shall address all concerns or questions regarding the hydraulic analyses that are raised by the PTS during the independent QA/QC review.

NDNR shall document automated data processing and modeling algorithms for GIS-based modeling and provide the data to FEMA for review to ensure these 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 NDNR shall provide full user documentation, technical algorithm documentation, and software to FEMA for review before performing the hydraulic analyses.

**Table 1.8 Summary of Hydraulic Data**

Study Area	Method	Total Miles of New Base level or Enhanced Level Hydraulics
Big Slough	Basic	11
Little Bazile Creek	Basic/Enhanced	30/6

Standards: All Hydraulic Data work shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 - Standards.

Deliverables: In accordance with the G&S, NDNR shall make the following products available to FEMA by uploading the digital data to the MIP so that the PTS can access it for an independent QA/QC review in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 - Schedule. A metadata file complying with the NFIP Metadata Profiles Specifications, must accompany the uploaded compliant digital data. Additionally, the TSDN format described in the G&S must be delivered in accordance with Section 2 – Technical and Administrative Support Data Submittal.

- Digital profiles of the 10, 25, 50, 100 and 500 year events- representing existing conditions using the FEMA RASPLOTT program or similar software;
- Digital Floodway Data Tables for each flooding source that is compatible with the DFIRM database;
- Digital hydraulic modeling (input and output) files;
- Digital tables with range of Manning’s “n” values;
- Explanations for unresolved messages from the CHECK-2 or CHECK-RAS program, as appropriate;
- Digital versions of all backup data used in the analyses;
- Digital versions of draft text for inclusion in the FIS report;
- Format Hydraulic Database or Data Delivery consistent with the Data Capture Standards—in the G&S (see draft DCS language and coordinate with the Region regarding its appropriate use); 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 as outlined in the approved QA/QC Plan.
- For GIS-based modeling, deliverables include all input and output data, GIS data layers, and final products in the format of the DFIRM database structure;
- Depth grids for all studied streams for all frequencies as required.
- Where paper documentation is required by State Law for Professional certifications, you may submit the paper in addition to a scanned version of the paper for the digital record. Appropriate leverage information includes who paid for the data and the amount of data used by the Risk MAP Project.

### **Perform Independent QA/QC: Hydraulic Data**

Responsible Mapping Partner: PTS

Scope: The PTS shall perform an impartial review of the technical, scientific, and other information submitted by NDNR under Hydraulic Analysis to ensure that the data and modeling are consistent with FEMA standards and standard engineering practice, and are sufficient to revise the FIRM. FEMA may audit or assist in these activities if deemed to be necessary by the Regional Project Officer. This work shall include, at a minimum, the activities listed below.

Please note FEMA will also be performing periodic audits and overall study/project management to ensure study quality. The CTP will be responsible for addressing any and all comments resulting from independent QC, including re-submittal of deliverables as needed to pass technical review.

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-2 or CHECK-RAS program, as appropriate, to flag potential problems and focus review efforts.
  - Maintain records of all contacts, reviews, recommendations, and actions and make the data readily available to FEMA.
  - Maintain an archive of all data submitted for hydraulic modeling review. (All supporting data must be retained for three years from the date a funding recipient submits its final expenditure report to FEMA, and once the study is effective all associated data should be submitted to the FEMA library); and
  - If data changed during review, then updated deliverables for previous tasks will be submitted at this time.

Standards: All Independent QA/QC work shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 - Standards.

Deliverables: In accordance with the G&S, the PTS shall make the following products available to FEMA by uploading the digital data to the MIP. Additionally, the TSDN format described in the G&S must be delivered in accordance with Section 2 – Technical and Administrative Support Data Submittal.

This submittal will occur in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 - Schedule.

- A Summary Report that describes the findings of the independent QA/QC review;
- Recommendations to resolve any problems that are identified during the independent QA/QC review; and
- If the data changed during the Hydrologic and/or Hydraulic Analyses QA/QC process, then the updated and verified deliverables from these activities will be resubmitted at this time.

## **Perform Floodplain Mapping**

Responsible Mapping Partner: NDNR

Scope for Base Level Study: NDNR shall delineate the 1 percent-annual-chance floodplain boundaries and any other applicable elements for the flooding sources for which hydrologic, enhanced hydraulic analyses were performed. NDNR shall incorporate all new or revised hydrologic, hydraulic, and/or coastal modeling and shall use the topographic data acquired under Develop Topographic Data to delineate the floodplain and regulatory floodway boundaries on a digital work map.

Scope for Enhanced Riverine: NDNR shall delineate the 1- and 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain boundaries and the regulatory floodway boundaries (if required) and any other applicable elements for the flooding sources for which hydrologic, enhanced hydraulic analyses were performed. NDNR shall incorporate all new or revised hydrologic, hydraulic, and/or coastal modeling and shall use the topographic data acquired under Develop Topographic Data to delineate the floodplain and regulatory floodway boundaries on a digital work map.

Scope for Refinement or Creation of Zone A: NDNR shall delineate the 1-percent-annual-chance floodplain boundaries for the flooding sources in the Scoping Report. NDNR shall use existing topographic data or the topographic data acquired under Develop Topographic Data to delineate the floodplain boundaries on a digital work map. All Zone A boundaries must be supported with a model.

NDNR shall incorporate the results of all effective Letters of Map Change (LOMCs) for all affected communities on the DFIRM and provide to the appropriate PTS the required submittals for incorporation into the National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL). Also, NDNR shall address all concerns or questions regarding Floodplain Mapping that are raised by NDNR during the independent QA/QC review.

Standards: All Floodplain Mapping work shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 - Standards. Mapping quality standards must be consistent with PM 38, dated October 17, 2007. NDNR will perform self-certification audits for the Floodplain Boundary Standards, as described in PM 38 and all subsequent revisions, for all flood hazard areas.

The NDNR assigned the floodplain mapping task will complete all activities pertaining to levees in accordance with the G&S, and all levee PMs.

Deliverables: In accordance with the G&S, and upon completion of floodplain mapping for all flooding sources in this project, NDNR shall make the following products available to FEMA by uploading the digital data to the MIP so that the PTS can access it for the independent QA/QC review in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 – Schedule.

- A metadata file complying with the NFIP Metadata Profiles Specifications, must accompany the compliant digital data.
- Additionally, support documentation and Certification of Work shall be submitted according to Appendix M. Where Technical Support Data Notebook (TSDN) format is used, such shall be delivered in accordance with Section 2 – Technical and Administrative Support Data Submittal. The mapping for the remaining flooding sources including any non-revised digital panels and all merged revised and non-revised floodplain mapping data is to be submitted for the Independent QA/QC review at the completion of this activity.

This submittal will occur in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 - Schedule.

- Draft DFIRM database prepared in accordance with the requirements in G&S;
- Digital versions of input and output for any computer programs that were used consistent with the DCS—in the G&S (see draft language and coordinate with the Region regarding its appropriate usage);
- 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 as outlined in the approved QA/QC Plan;

- Any backup or supplemental information including supporting calculations and assumptions used in the mapping required for the independent QA/QC review of Hydrologic, Coastal and /or Hydraulic Analyses and Floodplain Mapping consistent with the DCS—in the G&S (see draft language and coordinate with the Region regarding its appropriate usage);
- An explanation for the use of existing topography for the studied reaches, if appropriate;
- Written summary of the analysis methodologies;
- Digital versions of draft FIS report, Floodway Data Tables and updated profiles including all profiles and tables converted appropriate datum, as well as any other necessary items for the finalization of the preliminary FIS;
- If automated GIS-based models are applied, all input data, output data, intermediate data processing products, and GIS data layers shall be submitted consistent with the DCS—in the G&S (see draft language and coordinate with the Region regarding its appropriate usage);
- Where paper documentation is required by State Law for Professional certifications, you may submit the paper in addition to a scanned version of the paper for the digital record.

## **Perform Independent QA/QC: Floodplain Mapping**

Responsible Mapping Partner: PTS

Scope: The PTS shall perform impartial review of the floodplain mapping submitted by NDNR under Floodplain Mapping to ensure that the results of the analyses performed are accurately represented, the Redelimitation of existing data on new, updated topography is appropriate, and to ensure that the new DFIRM panels accurately represent the information shown on the effective FIRMs and FBFMs for the unrevised areas that are mapped. FEMA may audit or assist in these activities if deemed to be necessary by the Regional Project Officer. This work shall include, at a minimum, the activities listed below.

Please note FEMA will also be performing periodic audits and overall study/project management to ensure study quality. The CTP will be responsible for addressing any and all comments resulting from independent QC, including re-submittal of deliverables as needed to pass technical review.

- Review the Summary of Stillwater Elevations and Transect Data tables for agreement with the coastal modeling results.
- Review the coastal transects for proper location and orientation on the work maps and agreement with the Transect Descriptions table. Ensure that the transects on the work maps extend to the inland limit of the coastal modeling results used for mapping.
- Review the cross sections for proper location and orientation on the work map and agreement with the Floodway Data Table.
- Review the BFEs and coastal flood zones (both Zones VE and Zones AE) shown on the work map for proper location and agreement with the results of the coastal 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 PFD and Zone VE/Zone AE boundary delineations to ensure that the PFD delineation is coincident with, or seaward of, the Zone VE/Zone AE boundary.
- Review the floodplain widths at cross sections as shown on the work maps to ensure the data matches the Floodway Data Table.
- Review the floodplain boundaries as shown on the work maps to ensure the data matches the Flood Profiles.

- For non-revised floodplain areas, the 1- and 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain boundaries agree with the floodplain boundaries shown on the FIRM, the contour lines, other topographic information, and planimetric information shown on the DFIRM base.
- Road and floodplain relationships are maintained for all unrevised areas.
- Review the flood insurance risk zones as shown on the work maps to ensure the data are labeled properly.
- Review the DFIRM mapping files to ensure the data were prepared in accordance with the requirements in G&S.
- Review the metadata files to ensure the data includes all required information shown in the NFIP Metadata Profiles Specifications.

Standards: All Independent QA/QC work shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 - Standards.

Deliverables: In accordance with the G&S, the PTS shall make the following products available to FEMA by uploading the digital data to MIP. Additionally, the TSDN format described in the G&S must be delivered in accordance with Section 2 – Technical and Administrative Support Data Submittal.

This submittal will occur in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 - Schedule.

- 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;
- An annotated work map with all questions and/or concerns indicated, if necessary; and
- If data changed during review, then updated deliverables for previous tasks will be submitted at this time.

## **Develop DFIRM Database**

Responsible Mapping Partner: NDNR

Scope: NDNR shall prepare the database in accordance with G&S, for upload to the MIP. NDNR will be preparing the database for this project in the Standard format. The database shall be produced in accordance with the G&S. NDNR shall coordinate with appropriate Mapping Partners, as necessary, to resolve any problems that are identified during development of the DFIRM Database.

Standards: All DFIRM Database work shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 - Standards. Perform appropriate QR activities.

Deliverables: In accordance with G&S, NDNR shall make the following products available to FEMA by uploading the digital data to the MIP. Additionally, the Technical Support Data Notebook format described in G&S must be delivered in accordance with Section 2 – Technical and Administrative Support Data Submittal.

- DFIRM database files prepared in accordance with the requirements in G&S and in the required format(s).
- A metadata file complying with the FEMA NFIP Metadata Profile Specifications.

## Produce Preliminary Map Products

Responsible Mapping Partner: NDNR

Scope: NDNR shall apply the final FEMA DFIRM graphic and database specifications to the DFIRM files produced under Floodplain Mapping. 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). NDNR shall coordinate with those Mapping Partners responsible for Floodplain Mapping and/or Redelineation, as necessary, to resolve any problems that are identified during development of the DFIRM Database and graphics.

**Table 1.9 Summary of DFIRM Panels**

Study Area	Number of new DFIRM panels	Number of revised DFIRM panels
Knox County		4
Howard County		5

*Preliminary Summary of Map Actions (SOMA) Preparation:* The NDNR 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 DFIRM Database work shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 - Standards. All work must pass the automated and visual “National QA/QC” reviews prior to the distribution of the preliminary copies of the DFIRM and FIS report and the Preliminary SOMA. Perform appropriate QR activitie(s).

Deliverables: In accordance with the G&S, NDNR shall make the following products available to FEMA by uploading the digital data to the MIP. A metadata file complying with the NFIP Metadata Profiles Specifications, must accompany the compliant digital data. Additionally, the TSDN format described in the G&S must be delivered in accordance with Section 2 – Technical and Administrative Support Data Submittal.

This submittal will occur in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 - Schedule.

- Preliminary DFIRM database or revised Preliminary DFIRM database prepared in accordance with the requirements in G&S;
- Provide assessment products as defined during scoping process;
- FIS Report and the Preliminary SOMA prepared using the SOMA Tool on the MIP;
- 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 as outlined in approved QA/QC Plan;
- Passing Quality Review report;
- QUALITY REVIEW 2: Auto Validation of Preliminary DFIRM Database;
- QUALITY REVIEW 3: Visual Review of Preliminary Map Panels and FIS; and
- QUALITY REVIEW 4: Validate BFE Notice and CEO Letters; Publish Proposed Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) in Federal Register.

- Update CNMS with the final documentation showing newly validated and/or areas with remaining needs, as appropriate.
- Refined HAZUS deliverable (see Risk Assessment Procedure Memorandum for details)

## **Perform Independent QA/QC: Produce Preliminary Map Products**

Responsible Mapping Partner: PTS

Scope: Upon completion of the floodplain mapping and redelineation activities, the PTS shall perform an impartial review of the DFIRM spatial database to determine if it meets current FEMA database specifications. In addition, the PTS shall review the DFIRM to ensure it meets current FEMA graphic specifications. The PTS shall coordinate with other Mapping Partners, as necessary, to resolve any problems identified during this QA/QC review. FEMA may audit or assist in these activities if deemed to be necessary by the Regional Project Officer.

Please note FEMA will also be performing periodic audits and overall study/project management to ensure study quality. The CTP will be responsible for addressing any and all comments resulting from independent QC, including re-submittal of deliverables as needed to pass technical review.

This work shall ensure that the requirements below are met.

- All required DFIRM features are accurately and legibly labeled and following the examples shown in the FEMA DFIRM specifications. This includes all flood insurance risk zones, BFEs, gutters, cross sections, transects, studied streams and shorelines, 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 G&S.
- All map collar information is complete, correct, and follows the requirements specified in G&S.
- Preliminary DFIRM database is in a GIS file and database format as specified in FEMA's G&S, and conform to those specifications for content and attribution.
- DFIRM database files are in one of the database formats specified in FEMA's G&S, and conform to those specifications for content and attribution.

Standards: All DFIRM Database Development work shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 - Standards.

Deliverables: In accordance with the G&S, the PTS shall make the following products available to FEMA by uploading the digital data to the MIP. Additionally, the TSDN format described in the G&S must be delivered in accordance with Section 2 – Technical and Administrative Support Data Submittal.

This submittal will occur in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 – Schedule.

- 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;
- An annotated copy of the DFIRM with all questions and/or concerns indicated, if necessary; and
- If the data changed during the QA/QC process, then the updated deliverables from Floodplain Mapping and Redelineation will be resubmitted at this time.

## Distribute Preliminary Map Products

Responsible Mapping Partners: PTS

Scope: Preliminary Map Products consists of the final preparation, review, and distribution of the Preliminary copies of the DFIRM and FIS report and the Preliminary SOMA and Risk Assessment products for community officials and the general public review and comment. FEMA may audit or assist in these activities if deemed to be necessary by the Regional Project Officer. The activities to be performed are summarized below.

*Preliminary Transmittal Letter Preparation:* The PTS shall prepare letters and 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. This letter may be prepared for FEMA only or for signature by FEMA and the PTS.

*Distribution of Preliminary DFIRM and FIS Report:* The PTS 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 PTS shall use the BFEs on the Web tool in accordance with PM 44 to create BFE notices for studies that result in new or modified BFEs. The PTS shall prepare the BFE determination letters as well as the news release notifications of BFE changes for all affected communities. The PTS shall perform QA/QC reviews of the notices for accuracy and compliance with FEMA format requirements. The PTS shall file the notifications for later submittal to FEMA for review.

Deliverables: In accordance with the G&S, PTS shall make the appropriate deliverables available to FEMA by uploading the digital data to the MIP. Additionally, the TSDN format described in the G&S must be delivered in accordance with Section 2 – Technical and Administrative Support Data Submittal.

This submittal will occur in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 - Schedule. Preliminary transmittal letters shall be prepared and transmitted. 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* and in conjunction with Guidance provided by the Region and/or its contractor.

- A preliminary copy 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.
- A Summary Report that describes and provides the results of all automated or manual QA/QC review steps taken during the final preparation of the preliminary DFIRM shall be provided as outlined in the approved QA/QC Plan.
- The PTS will submit a summary of outreach activities and any changes made in the outreach approach based on the actual implementation.

## Post-Preliminary Map Production

Responsible Mapping Partners: PTS and FEMA.

Scope: Post-Preliminary Map Production includes coordination with FEMA and the Community to schedule a Community Meeting(s) for review of the Preliminary DFIRM, if required. This activity 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. FEMA may audit or assist in these activities if deemed to be necessary by the Regional Project Officer. The activities to be performed are summarized below.

*Community Coordination Meeting*: If a community coordination meeting is required it is recommended that it be held within 60 days of the issuance of the Preliminary DFIRM and, FEMA and the PTS shall arrange for and verify that the following activities are completed:

- Establish invitee list,
- Schedule meeting date and place,
- Complete and Distribute Meeting Notice/Letter,
- Record Meeting Minutes, and
- Identify any/all communities with BFE changes for required appeal period.

*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, the PTS shall arrange for and verify that the following activities are completed in accordance with the current version of the FEMA G&S, appropriate PMs and Document Control Procedures Manual:

- The PTS shall prepare the appropriate notices (Proposed Rules) that are to be published in the *Federal Register*. The PTS shall then deliver those notices to FEMA for publication.
- Proposed BFE determination letters are sent to the community CEOs and floodplain administrators.
- Ensure that news release notifications of BFE changes are published in prominent newspapers with local circulation in accordance with 44 CFR.
- When PTS holds public meetings to present and discuss the results of this Risk MAP Project, FEMA may attend the meetings and assist where possible, if requested.

*Resolution of Appeals and Protests*: PTS 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;
- Preparation of a draft resolution letter for appeals and protests for signature with FEMA and revised DFIRM and FIS report materials for FEMA review;
- Update CNMS as appropriate when resolving appeals/protests.

The PTS shall mail all associated correspondence upon authorization by FEMA. While protests may be signed by a partner only, appeals must have at least a FEMA co-signature.

*Preparation of Special Correspondence*: The PTS 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 for co-signature. The PTS 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, the PTS shall work together with FEMA to revise the DFIRM and FIS report and shall 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:* The PTS shall prepare Final SOMAs for the affected communities with assistance from FEMA, as appropriate.

*Processing of Letter of Final Determination:* The PTS shall work with FEMA to establish the effective date for the DFIRM and FIS report, and shall prepare Letters of Final Determination (LFDs) for each affected community for FEMA review in coordination with the Region and its contractor, and in accordance with the FEMA *Document Control Procedures Manual*. FEMA or its designated contractor shall mail the final signed LFDs and enclosures and distribute appropriate copies of the signed LFDs. All work must pass the automated and visual “National QA/QC” reviews and review of LFD prior to the distribution of the LFD.

The PTS shall prepare the appropriate notices (Final Rules) that are to be published in the *Federal Register*. The PTS shall then deliver those notices to FEMA for publication.

*Sustainability Meeting:* The final Risk MAP project outreach and communication effort will occur sometime between the LFD and shortly after adoption. Its purpose will be to provide final results of the project to the local stakeholders, develop an action plan so they can use the results of the Risk MAP project to implement risk reduction measures, and obtain feedback on how the project could have been implemented better, including how risk communications could be improved in the future. From a planning perspective, the sustainability meeting will be used for future scenario planning, updating of local mitigation plans if they were not updated during the Risk MAP project, and setting the stage for a more process-oriented approach for the next update of flood hazard data. A detailed meeting plans that describes the objective, activities, audiences, timeline, and outcomes this meeting will be provided by FEMA.

*Processing of Final DFIRM and FIS Report for Printing:* The PTS shall prepare final reproduction materials for the DFIRM and FIS report and provide these materials to MSC in accordance with appropriate Procedure Memorandums for printing by the Map Service Center. The PTS shall also 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:* The PTS shall prepare and distribute letters for FEMA signature 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:* The PTS shall ensure that technical and administrative support data are packaged in the FEMA required format and stored properly in the library archives until transmitted to the FEMA Engineering Study Data Package Facility. In addition, the The PTS will maintain copies of all data for a period of no less than three years.

Standards: All Post Preliminary DFIRM work shall be performed in accordance with the standards specified in Section 5 - Standards. Perform appropriate QR activitie(s).

Deliverables: In accordance with the G&S, the PTS shall make the following products available to FEMA by uploading the digital data to the MIP. A metadata file complying with the NFIP Metadata Profiles Specifications, must accompany the compliant digital data. Additionally, the TSDN format

described in the G&S must be delivered in accordance with Section 2 – Technical and Administrative Support Data Submittal.

This submittal will occur in accordance with the schedule outlined in Section 6 - Schedule.

- 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 digital files and final FIS report materials including all updated data tables and Flood Profiles;
- Provide one hard copy and digital DFIRM products to the community;
- Paperwork for the final DFIRM and FIS report materials;
- Transmittal letters for the printed DFIRM and FIS report;
- LOMC Revalidation Letters, if appropriate;
- Completed, organized, and archived technical and administrative support data;
- Completed, organized, and archived case files and flood elevation dockets; and
- CNMS updates.

## **SECTION 2—TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT DATA SUBMITTAL**

The Project Team members for this Risk MAP Project that have responsibilities for activities included in this MAS shall comply with the data submittal requirements summarized below and in appropriate Procedure Memorandums.

All supporting documentation for the activities in this MAS/SOW shall be submitted according to Appendix M, include a flood elevation determination docket (FEDD) folder. Where Technical Support Data Notebook (TSDN) format is used, such shall be submitted in accordance with Section 2 – Technical and Administrative Support Data Submittal. Table 2.1 Mapping Activities and Applicable TSDN Sections indicates the sections of the TSDN that apply to each mapping activity. Submittals must be made to the appropriate PTS for a review of required materials. As needed, the CTP will work with the PTS to ensure that all required documents are included in the TSDN and will respond to requests from the PTS for additional information.

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 the G&S.)

**Table 2.1- Mapping Activities and Applicable TSDN Sections**

Mapping Activities	TSDN Section												
	General Documentation	Special Problem Reports	Telephone Conversation Reports	Meeting Minutes/ Reports	General Correspondence	Hydrologic Analyses	Engineering Analyses	Hydraulic Analyses	Key to Cross-Section Labeling	Key to Transect Labeling	Draft FIS Report	Mapping Information	Miscellaneous Reference Information
Scoping		X	X	X	X							X	X
Outreach													
Perform Field Survey		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			X
Develop Topographic Data		X	X	X	X							X	X
Perform Independent QA/QC: Topographic Data		X	X	X	X							X	X
Acquire Base Map		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Develop Hydrology/ Coastal		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X
Perform Independent QA/QC: Hydrologic Data		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X
Develop Hydraulic Data		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X
Perform Independent QA/QC: Hydraulic Data		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X
Perform Flood-plain Mapping (and Re-delineation)		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X

Perform Independent QA/QC: Flood Plain Mapping		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		X	X
Develop DFIRM Database		X	X	X	X								X	X
Produce/Distribute Preliminary Map Products		X	X	X	X								X	X
Post-Preliminary Map Production		X	X	X	X								X	X

### SECTION 3—PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE (for CTPs)

The mapping activities outlined in this MAS will be completed as specified in the Agreement Articles of the Cooperative Agreement. The Mapping Activities may be terminated at the option of FEMA or NDNR in accordance with the provisions of the Partnership Agreement dated August 16, 1999. If these mapping activities are terminated, all products produced to date must be returned and updated into the MIP and the remaining funds from uncompleted activities, provided by FEMA for this MAS, will be returned to FEMA.

### SECTION 4—FUNDING/LEVERAGE

FEMA is providing funding, in the amount of ----, to NDNR for the completion of this Risk MAP Project. NDNR shall provide any additional resources required to complete the assigned activities for this Risk MAP Project. During the scoping process, additional needs may be identified. Activities associated with any additional needs would be performed based on availability of additional funds. The leverage listed below includes in-kind services and blue book values for acquired information (i.e. base map data, hydrologic and hydraulic analyses, etc.). These values should also be reported in the MIP by the appropriate task owner. The current Blue Book (2.0) is dated January 2009 and can be downloaded from FEMA’s Information Resource Library at [http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/ctp\\_info.shtm#4](http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/ctp_info.shtm#4). NDNR shall complete Table 4.1 Contribution and Leverage.

Table 4.1 Contribution and Leverage

Project Task	FEMA Contribution	Partner Contribution	% Partner Leverage (of total project cost)	Total Project Cost
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Outreach				
Scoping				
Perform Field Survey				
Develop Topographic Data				
Base Map Acquisition				
Perform Hydrologic Analyses				
Perform Hydraulic Analyses				
Perform Floodplain Mapping				
Develop DFIRM Database				
Produce Preliminary Map Products				
TOTAL FUNDING AMOUNTS				

Final leverage dollars or units shall be entered as applicable within the Manage Data Development task in the MIP workflow.

## SECTION 5—STANDARDS

The standards relevant to this MAS are provided in Tables 5.1 Applicable Standards for Project Activities and 5.2 Project Activities and Applicable Portions of FEMA G&S. Information on the correct volume and appendix of the G&S to be referenced for each mapping activity are summarized in Table 5.2 for convenience. However, all mapping partners working on a Risk MAP Project are responsible for complying with all appropriate requirements in FEMA’s G&S including published draft guidelines and PMs.

These guidelines may be downloaded from the FEMA Flood Hazard Mapping website at [http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/dl\\_cgs.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/dl_cgs.shtm). The Geospatial Data Coordination Policy and the Geospatial Data Coordination Implementation Guide are located at <https://hazards.fema.gov> under “Tools & Links.”

**Table 5.1- Applicable Standards for Project Activities**

	<b>Activities</b>
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<b>Applicable Standards</b>	<b>Scoping</b>	<b>Outreach</b>	<b>Perform Field Survey</b>	<b>Develop Topographic Data</b>	<b>Perform Independent QA/QC: Topographic Data</b>	<b>Acquire Base Map</b>	<b>Coastal Analysis</b>	<b>Perform Independent QA/QC: Coastal Analysis</b>	<b>Develop Hydrologic Data</b>	<b>Perform Independent QA/QC: Hydrologic Data</b>	<b>Develop Hydraulic Data</b>	<b>Perform Independent QA/QC: Hydraulic Data</b>	<b>Perform Floodplain Mapping (inc. Redelineation)</b>	<b>Perform Independent QA/QC: Floodplain Mapping</b>	<b>Develop DFIRM Database</b>	<b>Produce/Distribute Preliminary Map Products</b>	<b>Post-Preliminary Map Production</b>	<b>Risk Assessment</b>
<i>Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners and Procedure Memorandums</i>	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FEMA's Geospatial Data Coordination Policy	X			X		X												
FEMA's Geospatial Data Coordination Implementation Guide	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	X	X						
NFIP Metadata Profile Specifications	X			X	X								X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Document Control Procedures Manual</i>	X	X															X	X
<i>44 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 65, 66 and 67</i>	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Data Sharing Agreement</i>																		

**Table 5.2- Project Activities and Applicable Portions of FEMA Guidelines and Specifications**

Activity Description	Applicable Volume, Section/Subsection, and Appendix
Scoping	Volume 1
	Appendix I
	Scoping Report document
	44 Code of Federal Regulations Part 66 and 67
Outreach	Volume 1
	Appendix I
Perform Field Survey	Volume 1
	Appendices A, B, C, F, and M
Develop Topographic Data and Perform Independent QA/QC: Topographic Data	Volume 1,
	Appendices A and M
Acquire Base Map and Perform Independent QA/QC: Base Map	Volume 1
	Appendices A, K, L, and M
Develop Hydrologic Data and Perform Independent QA/QC: Hydrologic Data	Volume 1
	Appendices A, C, E, F, G, H, and M
Develop Hydraulic Data and Perform Independent QA/QC: Hydraulic Data	Volume 1
	Appendices A, B, C, E, F, G, H, and M
Perform Coastal Analysis Hazard Analyses and Perform Independent QA/QC: Coastal Analysis	Volume 1
	Appendices A, B, C, D, H, and M
	Coastal Guidelines Updates”
	PM 47
Perform Floodplain Mapping and Perform Independent QA/QC: Floodplain Mapping (including Redelineation/Digitization)	Volume 1
	Appendices C, D, E, F, G, H, K, L, and M
	PM 52
Produce Preliminary Map Products and Perform Independent	Volume 1

Activity Description	Applicable Volume, Section/Subsection, and Appendix
QA/QC: Produce Preliminary Map Products	Appendices K, L, and M ----- PM 50, 51
Distribute Preliminary Map Products and Perform Independent QA/QC: Distribute Preliminary Map Products	Volume 1 ----- Appendices J, K, L, and M
Post-Preliminary Map Production	Volume 1 ----- Appendices J, K, L, and M ----- PM 42, 44 -----

## SECTION 6— SCHEDULE

The tasks documented in this Mapping Activity Statement shall be completed in accordance with the project schedule. NDNR will use the MIP to report progress, entering Cost to Date, Percent Complete to Date, and “As of” date in the “Update Information” section of the Task Information screen for each task. Within three weeks of funds award, NDNR will provide FEMA and the RSC with the initial schedule for each county for entry into the MIP. The data reported in the MIP will include estimated and actual completion dates, budget and actual expense and the percent complete of each task identified in the Mapping Activity Statement. Each study area identified will have separate schedule established.

NDNR will update the MIP by the last day of each month, and when a task is completed.

## SECTION 7—CERTIFICATIONS

### Data Capture Standards

- **DCS Certification Form** {Insert appropriate Data Capture Standards (DCS) language applicable to this Mapping Activity Statement. PLEASE NOTE: The DCS are being updated. FEMA Regions should update this document accordingly once the DCS update is complete.}

### Perform Field Surveys and Develop Topographic Data

A Registered Professional Engineer or Licensed Land Surveyor shall provide an accuracy statement for field surveys and/or topographic data used and shall certify these data meet the accuracy statement provided. Data accuracy should be stated used the Federal Geographic Data Committee National Standards for Spatial Data Accuracy, but the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing accuracy reporting standards are acceptable.

### **Acquire Base Map**

- A community official or responsible party shall provide written certification that the digital data meet FEMA minimum standards and specifications.
- The responsible Mapping Partner shall provide documentation that the digital base map can be used by FEMA. Please note that uploading base map data to the MIP does not constitute agreement that the digital base map can be used by FEMA. Documentation that the digital base map can be used by FEMA is still required.
- Certifications must be made at the time the intermediate data is submitted. For example, if hydrologic data is submitted, certification will be required at the time it is submitted.

### **Develop Hydrologic Data, Develop Hydraulic Data, Perform Coastal Analysis, and Perform Floodplain Mapping**

- A Registered Professional Engineer shall certify hydrologic and hydraulic and coastal analyses and data in accordance with 44 CFR 65.6(f).
- Any levee systems to be accredited will be certified by the levee owner or other appropriate entity in accordance with 44 CFR 65.10.

## **SECTION 8—TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND RESOURCES**

Project Team members may obtain copies of FEMA-issued LOMCs, archived engineering backup data, and data collected as part of the mapping needs assessment and/or CNMS process from FEMA and/or your Regional Project Officer.

General technical and programmatic information can be downloaded from the FEMA website at [http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/frm\\_soft.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/frm_soft.shtm) Specific technical and programmatic support may be provided through FEMA and/or its contractor; such assistance should be requested through the FEMA Project Officer specified in Section 12 – Points of Contact.

Project Team members also may consult with the FEMA Regional Project Officer to request support in the areas of selection of data sources, digital data accuracy standards, assessment of vertical data accuracy, data collection methods or subcontractors, and GIS-based engineering and modeling training.

Assistance with the MIP may be requested at [miphelp@riskmapcds.com](mailto:miphelp@riskmapcds.com)

## **SECTION 9—CONTRACTORS (CTP)**

NDNR does not intend to use the services of a contractor for the Risk MAP Project documented in this MAS. NDNR shall ensure that the procurement for all contractors, if any, are used for this Risk MAP Project complies with the requirements of 44 CFR 13.36.

Part 13 may be downloaded in PDF or text format from the United States Government Printing Office website at [http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx\\_04/44cfr13\\_04.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_04/44cfr13_04.html).

## **SECTION 10—REPORTING (CTP)**

Financial Reporting: Because funding has been provided to NDNR by FEMA, financial reporting requirements for NDNR will be in accordance with Cooperative Agreement Articles. NDNR shall also refer to 44 CFR 13.41.

NDNR shall provide financial reports to the FEMA Regional Project Officer and Assistance Officer in accordance with the terms of the signed Cooperative Agreement for this MAS.

Status Reporting: Status reports will be submitted on a quarterly basis in accordance with the financial reporting submittals. NDNR shall refer to 44 CFR 13.41 to obtain minimum requirements for status reporting. The Project Officer, as needed, may request additional information on status.

Progress reporting shall utilize the MIP to the extent possible. Other progress reports are not anticipated. When SEMA provides deliverables through the MIP, NDNR shall ensure the MIP reflects the status of the related task. NDNR will submit two (2) copies of the MIP Flood Engineering Report and other appropriate reports to the FEMA Assistance Officer for quarterly progress reporting.

The Cost Performance Index (CPI) and the Schedule Performance Index (SPI) in the MIP is used to monitor partner performance and to determine future funding eligibility. Recipients must adhere to the CPI and SPI requirements by being no more than 8% under or over the baselined values. The CTP partner is required to report on the earned value of projects that are in the MIP on a quarterly basis and must give explanations for variances outside of the 10% tolerance defined above. SEMA must develop and implement a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) when SEMA is outside of the 10% tolerance. A CAP must define the reason for the variance and the intended resolution. The FEMA Regional and National Office must be coordinated with when CAPs are developed.

The Project Officer, as needed, may request additional information on status on an ad hoc basis.

#### Earned Value Data Entry:

The Cost Performance Index (CPI) and the Schedule Performance Index (SPI) in the MIP is used to monitor partner performance and to determine future funding eligibility. Recipients must adhere to the CPI and SPI requirements by being no more than 8% under or over the baselined values. The CTP partner is required to report on the earned value of projects that are in the MIP on a quarterly basis and must give explanations for variances outside of the 8% tolerance defined above. NDNR must develop and implement a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) when NDNR is outside of the 8% tolerance. A CAP must define the reason for the variance and the intended resolution. The FEMA Regional and National Office must be coordinated with when CAPs are developed.

## **SECTION 11—PROJECT COORDINATION**

Throughout the project, all members of the Project Team will coordinate, as necessary, to ensure the products meet the technical and format specifications required and contain accurate, up-to-date information. Coordination activities may include:

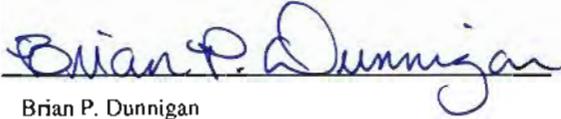
- Meetings, teleconferences, and video conferences with FEMA and other Project Team members Monthly or as needed;
- Telephone conversations with FEMA and other Project Team members on a scheduled basis monthly and an ad hoc basis, as required;
- Updates to the MIP and other FEMA status information systems in accordance with requirements in Volumes 1 and 2 of G&S; and

- E-mail, facsimile transmissions, and letters, as required.

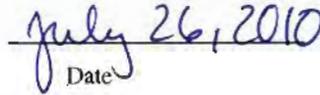
## SECTION 12—POINTS OF CONTACT (CTP)

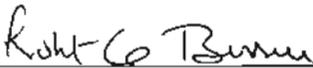
The points of contact for this Risk MAP Project are Bob Franke, the FEMA Regional Project Officer; Shuhai Zheng, the Project Manager for NDNR; or subsequent personnel of comparable experience who are appointed to fulfill these responsibilities. When necessary, any additional FEMA assistance should be requested through the FEMA Regional Project Officer.

Each party has caused this MAS to be executed by its duly authorized representative.

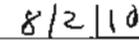


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