

Below are questions and answers that were discussed on the Studies Users Open Call on March 18, 2010.

As a reminder, MIP Help can be reached via e-mail at miphelp@riskmapcds.com or telephone at 1-877-FEMA-MAP.

Digital Verification Tool (DVT)	
Questions	Answers
The latest version of Appendix M has different field definitions for feature classes such as S_XS (M.13.2.4) than Appendix L. Will the DVT routine for DFIRM databases accommodate either schema for Draft, Prelim or Final DFIRM submission?	Not at this time. DVT is based on the <i>FEMA DFIRM Verification Check Standard January 2009</i> which is based on Appendix L.
Who should users contact if they have questions about the FEMA DFIRM Verification Checks standards or the DVT? <i>(revised March 2010)</i>	Any questions about the FEMA DFIRM Verification Checks or the DVT application should be sent to the PTS DVT leads: <u>BakerAECOM:</u> Jerry McCarty jmccarty@mbakercorp.com <u>RAMPP:</u> Steve Kalaf skalaf@dewberry.com Lynn Russell lrussell@dewberry.com <u>STARR:</u> Marc Pearson Marc.Pearson@stantec.com April Gaffney April.Gaffney@starr-team.com Eric Marcoux Eric.Marcoux@starr-team.com Or contact: • MIP Help at miphelp@riskmapcds.com

User Guidance	
Questions	Answer
Is there updated watershed project guidance?	Not at this time. The existing basin-wide (watershed) guidance document is available on the Risk MAP Program Portal: MIP Guidance for Basin-Wide Studies
What is the status of the PMR guidance?	The PMR guidance (which includes guidance for PMRs encompassing multiple communities within a single county) is in progress and will be available as soon as possible.
Is there an effort underway to develop post prelim guidance?	There is no post prelim guidance in development. Please contact Tricia Fleck at patricia.fleck@riskmapcde.com with specific questions.
DFIRM Tools Decommissioning	
Questions	Answer
Update on the DFIRM Tools decommissioning	CDS will be holding two Lunch and Learn sessions to provide mapping partners with an update on the decommissioning, as well as information on how to migrate projects out of the tools and an overview of FMD9. They are scheduled for March 22 and 29, 2010.
MSC	
Questions	Answer
Are there any changes to the Map Service Center to support the watershed strategy?	No because DFIRM databases are still being produced by community so it will not change the way the MSC does business.